



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

2 **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2015 ON PAGE 245]**

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. THE NOVEMBER 24, 2015 BOARD OF

7 SUPERVISORS WILL BEGIN. FIRST, WE'LL BE LED IN PRAYER BY

8 REVEREND CANON KELLI GRACE KURTZ, WHO IS THE VICAR OF THE ST.

9 JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF LA VERNE, AND IN LA VERNE, AND OUR

10 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE BY OUR OWN BRIGADIER GENERAL RUTH

11 WONG, RETIRED, WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF MILITARY AND VETERANS

12 AFFAIRS. SO, IF THE AUDIENCE WOULD PLEASE RISE.

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14 **REV. KURTZ:** PLEASE JOIN ME IN BIDDING THE PRESENCE OF THE

15 HOLY. GOOD AND GRACIOUS GOD, WE KNOW YOU TO BE THE SOURCE OF

16 WISDOM AND MERCY. YOUR DIVINE PRESENCE IS CALLED ON TO BE HERE

17 AT THIS TIME, IN THIS SPACE DURING THESE DELIBERATIONS.

18 SURROUND THE SUPERVISORS OF THIS COUNTY, MICHAEL, HILDA, MARK,

19 SHEILA, AND DON, WITH AN ABUNDANCE OF YOUR CREATIVE ENERGY,

20 YOUR WISDOM AND YOUR MERCY. KEEP THE SUPERVISORS AND THEIR

21 STAFF AND FAMILIES IN YOUR CARE. STRENGTHEN THEIR RESOLVE TO

22 PROMOTE THE WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE THEY SERVE. MAY THEIR

23 MINDS BE MOVED BY YOU, THEIR HEARTS STIRRED TOWARDS YOU, THEIR

24 WORDS INSPIRED BY YOU. MAY NOTHING HAPPEN IN THIS MEETING THAT

25 WOULD FALL OUTSIDE YOUR GRACE AND BLESSING. SEND DOWN UPON

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1 THOSE WHO HOLD OFFICE OR SERVE OR WORK IN THIS COUNTY THE
2 SPIRIT OF WISDOM, CHARITY AND JUSTICE THAT WITH STEADFAST
3 PURPOSE THEY MAY FAITHFULLY SERVE THEIR OFFICES, THE PEOPLE
4 AND THE COMMUNITIES AND AGENCIES WHO HAVE PUT THEIR TRUST IN
5 THE CARE OF THE LEADERS OF THIS COUNTY. MAY THIS ROOM BE SO
6 FILLED WITH YOUR DIVINE PURPOSE THAT A SENSE OF PEACE AND
7 CLARITY FLOWS FROM IT TO EVERY HOME, SCHOOL, HOSPITAL, PARK,
8 TRAIN, OFFICE BUILDING, BEACH AND MOUNTAIN WITHIN ITS
9 BOUNDARIES IT SERVES. BEHOLD AND VISIT, WE EARNESTLY PRAY, ALL
10 COUNTIES THROUGHOUT ALL LANDS, BUT MOST ESPECIALLY WE PRAY FOR
11 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. RENEW THE TIES OF MUTUAL REGARD
12 WHICH FORM OUR CIVIC LIFE. GIVE MICHAEL, HILDA, MARK, SHEILA,
13 AND DON THE STRENGTH AND COURAGE THEY NEED TO BE HONEST AND
14 ABLE LEADERS. ENABLE ALL OF US TO ELIMINATE POVERTY, PREJUDICE
15 AND OPPRESSION, THAT PEACE MAY PREVAIL WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS AND
16 JUSTICE WITH ORDER AND THAT THE MEN AND WOMEN FROM DIFFERENT
17 CULTURES, SPEAKING DIFFERENT LANGUAGES, AND OFFERING DIFFERENT
18 TALENTS MAY FIND WITH ONE ANOTHER THE FULFILLMENT OF THEIR OWN
19 HUMANITY. THIS WE PRAY IN ONE ACCORD, BIDDING NOW AND ALWAYS
20 YOUR HOLY PRESENCE, AMEN.

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22 **GEN. RUTH WONG:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE PLACE YOUR RIGHT
23 HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND FACE THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF
24 AMERICA. VETERANS MAY SALUTE THE FLAG. REPEAT AFTER ME.
25 [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IT'S A PLEASURE TO HAVE OUR PRAYER
3 TODAY LED BY TODAY BY THE REVEREND CANON KELLI GRACE KURTZ,
4 WHO IS A VICAR OF THE ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN LA VERNE.
5 SHE'S ALSO ONE OF BISHOP JON BRUNO'S SPECIAL ADVISORS FOR
6 MISSION CONGREGATIONS. SHE ALSO SERVES AS DEAN OF THE THE
7 INLAND EMPIRE EPISCOPAL CONGREGATIONS, INSTITUTIONS AND
8 CLERGY. SHE HOLDS A MASTER'S DEGREE IN RELIGION FROM CLAREMONT
9 SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND PAST TRUSTEE OF THE EPISCOPAL
10 THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL. AS PART OF HER SABBATICAL, SHE COMPLETED
11 THE 500-MILE MEDIEVAL PILGRIMAGE FROM CAMINO DE SANTIAGO
12 ACROSS NORTHERN SPAIN AND IS A DEVOTED LOS ANGELES ANGELS
13 BASEBALL FAN, AS I AM, BUT ALSO ROOTS FOR THE DODGERS AND
14 PRAYS FOR BOTH OF THEM. WE FELL SHORT THIS YEAR, BUT THERE'S
15 ALWAYS ANOTHER YEAR. [LAUGHTER.] SHE LOVES TO HIKE, HAS BEEN A
16 KEEN INTEREST IN HOW COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY IS SHAPED BY
17 COMMITMENT TO LIVE OUT ONE'S FAITH TRADITION, AND BORROWING
18 FROM WRITERS ANNE LAMOTT, CANON KURTZ'S THREE FAVORITE PRAYERS
19 ARE HELP, THANKS, AND WOW. SHE AND HER HUSBAND, MARK, LIVED IN
20 GLENDDORA FOR THE PAST 27 YEARS. SHE HAS FOUR CHILDREN. HER
21 OLDEST SON IS A UNITED STATES ARMY NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER WHO
22 HAS SEEN THREE DEPLOYMENTS TO THE MIDDLE EAST. HER 24-YEAR-OLD
23 DAUGHTER IS CURRENTLY LIVING IN MALI, AND WE HOPE THAT SHE
24 REMAINS SAFE THERE, AS A PEACE CORPS WORKER, AND HER YOUNGEST
25 SPENT THIS PAST SUMMER AS AN INTERN TO A STATE SENATOR IN

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1 SACRAMENTO AND IS A FOURTH-YEAR STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
2 CALIFORNIA, DAVIS. SO SHE HAS A FULL AGENDA, BOTH ON THE
3 SECULAR AND ON THE SPIRITUAL SIDE. SO, CONGRATULATIONS.
4 [APPLAUSE.]

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6 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** GOOD MORNING, MR.
7 MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON
8 PAGE 3, REPORTS. ON ITEM NO. R-1, THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND
9 FAMILY SERVICES REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JANUARY 12,
10 2016. THIS ALSO INCLUDES THE ADDITION OF ITEM R-2, AS
11 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON PAGE 4, THE REGIONAL
12 PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ITEM 1-P RELATES TO ITEM NO. 12,
13 AND WE WILL HOLD THIS FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ON PAGE 5,
14 ITEMS 1 THROUGH 8, ON ITEM NO. 4, THE INTERIM COUNTY COUNSEL
15 AND INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM
16 BE CONTINUED TO DECEMBER 8, 2015. ON THE REMAINING ITEMS, WE
17 WILL HOLD THESE FOR PUBLIC HEARING. ON PAGE 8, BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 9 THROUGH NO. 8, ON ITEM NO. 9, THIS
19 INCLUDES THE ADDITIONS ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM NO.
20 11 AND ITEM NO. 12, WE WILL HOLD THESE FOR MEMBERS OF THE
21 PUBLIC. ON ITEM NO. 15, WE WILL HOLD THIS FOR MEMBERS OF THE
22 PUBLIC. ON ITEM NO. 16, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MEMBERS
23 OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 18, A
24 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE REMAINING
25 ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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2 **SUP. KNABE:** MOVE IT.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. AND WE ARE

5 -- OKAY. SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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7 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 12, CONSENT

8 CALENDAR, ITEMS 19 THROUGH 26, ON ITEM NO. 19, SUPERVISOR

9 RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 20, A

10 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS NO.

11 22 AND 23, A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THESE

12 ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 24, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND A

13 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THIS ITEM BE HELD. ITEM 26 IS

14 BEFORE YOU.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS.

17 SECOND, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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19 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 14 ORDINANCE

20 FOR INTRODUCTION, ON ITEM NO. 27, THE INTERIM COUNTY COUNSEL

21 REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT. THAT

22 COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

23 SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 3.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** CONSUL GENERAL? IT'S A REAL GREAT
2 HONOR TO HAVE THE CONSUL GENERAL OF FRANCE WITH US THIS
3 MORNING. CONSUL GENERAL CHRISTOPHE LEMOINE WAS JUST RECENTLY
4 APPOINTED TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY. ALONG WITH MAYOR ERIC
5 GARCETTI, THE CONSUL AND I HAD A SPECIAL PROGRAM LAST WEEK AT
6 THE LOS ANGELES CITY HALL IN HONOR OF THOSE VICTIMS OF THE
7 TERRORIST ATTACK THAT HAS RECENTLY OCCURRED IN FRANCE AND
8 GIVING OUR SOLIDARITY TO THE PEOPLE OF FRANCE. THE CONSUL
9 GENERAL STARTED HIS CAREER WITH THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
10 AFFAIRS IN 2001. HE RECEIVED A DOCTORATE LEVEL DEGREE IN
11 INTERNATIONAL LAW AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION LAW AS WELL
12 AS DIPLOMA IN ECONOMIC AND EUROPEAN INTERNATIONAL LAW, BOTH
13 FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF GENEVA. HIS POSTINGS OUTSIDE OF FRANCE
14 INCLUDE THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN BERLIN, GERMANY. AT THE FOREIGN
15 MINISTRY, HE HAS SERVED IN THE EXTERNAL RELATIONS DIVISION OF
16 THE EUROPEAN COOPERATION DEPARTMENT, THEN AT THE OFFICE OF THE
17 SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY FROM 2012-2015, AND WAS HEAD
18 OF THE OFFICE FOR CABINET AFFAIRS FOR THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN
19 AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT. LAST MAY, HE WAS
20 APPOINTED CONSUL GENERAL OF FRANCE BY DEGREE OF THE FRENCH
21 PRESIDENT. HE ARRIVED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN JULY AND HAS
22 BEEN ACQUAINTING HIMSELF WITH OUR JURISDICTION, INCLUDING ALL
23 OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, AS WELL AS ARIZONA, COLORADO, NEW
24 MEXICO, AND SOUTHERN NEVADA. AS I SAID, I HAD THE HONOR OF
25 JOINING WITH HIM AND OTHER LOCAL LEADERS AT CITY HALL ON

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1 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORIES OF THOSE
2 KILLED AND TO GIVE SOLIDARITY TO THE FRENCH TO DEFEND THEIR
3 HOME, TO DEFEND THEIR FREEDOMS. I'M PLEASED TO WELCOME HIM TO
4 OUR COUNTY AND WISH TO GIVE HIM AN OPPORTUNITY AS NOW WE HAVE
5 103 CONSUL GENERALS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE'RE PART OF AN
6 INTERNATIONAL -- LET'S SAY, THERE ARE THREE LARGEST CONSUL
7 GENERALS IN THE WORLD. WE ARE THE THIRD, POSTED IN LOS ANGELES
8 COUNTY. NEW YORK AND HONG KONG ARE THE OTHERS. SO, AGAIN,
9 WELCOME, CONSUL GENERAL, AND WE'D LIKE TO HAVE YOU SAY A FEW
10 WORDS AND I'LL GIVE YOU A PLAQUE.

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12 **HONORABLE CHRISTOPHE LEMOINE, CONSUL GENERAL OF FRANCE:** DEAR
13 MISTER -- [APPLAUSE.]

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15 **HONORABLE CHRISTOPHE LEMOINE, CONSUL GENERAL OF FRANCE:** DEAR
16 MR. MAYOR, DEAR SUPERVISORS, I'M PARTICULARLY HONORED AND
17 PLEASED TO BE HERE TODAY. AND AS THE MAYOR RECALLED, IT'S A
18 VERY SPECIAL MOMENT FOR ME FOR VARIOUS REASONS, BECAUSE I'M
19 VERY NEW TO LOS ANGELES. AND I AM VERY HAPPY AND PLEASED TO BE
20 IN THAT THRILLING CITY. ALSO, BECAUSE FOLLOWING THE PARIS
21 EVENTS, I COULD FEEL ON AN EVERYDAY BASIS ALL THE SOLIDARITY
22 AND ALL THE FRIENDSHIP OF THE AMERICANS TOWARDS FRANCE, AND
23 ESPECIALLY FROM THE L.A. COUNTY AND FROM THE CITY OF LOS
24 ANGELES. AND I WANTED TO THANK THEM VERY MUCH FOR THIS

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1 FOLLOWING THE EVENTS. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND THANK YOU.

2 [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I'LL HAVE MY COLLEAGUES SAY A FEW
5 WORDS. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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7 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. MR. CONSUL GENERAL,
8 WE WERE, OF COURSE, STUNNED, LIKE THE REST OF THE WORLD, AT
9 THE EVENTS IN PARIS. AND I RECALL RIGHT AFTER SEPTEMBER 11TH,
10 WHEN I WAS TRAVELING, SO MANY OF THE OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE
11 WORLD WERE SO AWARE OF WHAT WE HAD EXPERIENCED, HAVING
12 EXPERIENCED IT, IN MANY CASES, THEMSELVES, AND WERE SO
13 GRACIOUS ABOUT GIVING THEIR CARE, CONCERN AND CONDOLENCES. AND
14 I WANTED TO ADD MINE TO THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE
15 WHO HAVE ALREADY EXPRESSED THEIR SORROW AND SOLIDARITY WITH
16 FRANCE AT THE HORRIFIC ATTACKS IN PARIS. SO, OUR CONDOLENCES
17 AND OUR PROMISE OF CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP, EVEN FROM OUR LITTLE
18 COUNTY.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DON, YOUR PRESENTATION.

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22 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LADIES
23 AND GENTLEMEN, AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD VARSITY
24 GOLF COACHES MARTY GALVAN AND WAYNE MANZO FROM LA SERNA HIGH
25 SCHOOL, ALONG WITH THE AMAZING LADY LANCERS VARSITY GOLF TEAM,

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1 SO WE CAN CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE C.I.F. SOUTHERN
2 DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP. JOINING US TODAY ARE ALL THESE YOUNG,
3 GREAT GOLFERS. WE HAVE CAPTAIN TAYLOR ORNELAS, CO-CAPTAINS
4 SANDRA MEZA AND STEPHANIE WONG, BRIANA CHACON, CAROLINE LEE,
5 SHARON STATHIS, AND MICHELLE WONG. THEIR TEAMMATES VANESSA
6 WANG AND KIANA WILLIAMS WERE UNABLE TO BE HERE TODAY. IN
7 OCTOBER, THE LADY LANCERS TRAVELED TO LAKEWOOD TO COMPETE IN
8 THE KNABE CUP. THEY SHOT AND PLACED THIRD PLACE, JUST BEHIND
9 DIAMOND BAR HIGH SCHOOL, WHO WON THE CHAMPIONSHIP. ON NOVEMBER
10 2ND, THEY PLAYED -- THEY TOOK FIRST PLACE IN THE C.I.F.
11 SOUTHERN DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP BY BEATING THE OTHER TEAM IN A
12 CARD-OFF, WHICH IS WHEN YOU TIE AND THAT THING GOES FRONT
13 NINE, BACK NINE, AND MAKES YOU ALL VERY NERVOUS. THE LADY
14 LANCERS TIED WITH A TEAM FROM CORONA DEL MAR. THEY KNEW THEY'D
15 BE PLAYING AGAINST SOME VERY DIFFICULT AND TOUGH GOLFERS. BUT
16 AFTER EXTREMELY INTENSE COMPETITION, THEY WERE THRILLED TO
17 HEAR THEIR NAME ANNOUNCED AS FIRST PLACE C.I.F. SOUTHERN
18 DIVISION CHAMPIONS. SO, PLEASE JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING LA
19 SERNA HIGH SCHOOL FROM WHITTIER. [APPLAUSE.]

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21 **SPEAKER:** WE'D LIKE TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS, ESPECIALLY DON
22 KNABE, FOR HIS CONTINUING PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT FOR JUNIOR
23 GOLF IN OUR AREA. WITHOUT HIM, A LOT OF KIDS WOULDN'T BE ABLE
24 TO PLAY. AS MOST OF YOU MAY OR MAY NOT KNOW, FOR A JUNIOR TO
25 PLAY AT ANY OF OUR COURSES, IT ONLY COSTS THEM \$5 DURING THE

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1 WEEK. SO THEY ARE ABLE TO PLAY A LOT OF GOLF. AGAIN, THANK YOU
2 VERY MUCH, DON KNABE. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SPEAKER:** ON BEHALF OF LA SERNA GIRLS' GOLF TEAM, I JUST WANTED
5 TO SAY THANK YOU TO DON KNABE AND THE REST OF THE SUPERVISORS
6 FOR THIS RECOGNITION. [APPLAUSE.]

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS?

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10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS AND AUDIENCE. TODAY I
11 WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE SHERIFF DEPUTY ERIK NAVA. SOME OF YOU
12 MAY HAVE SEEN HIM RECENTLY ON TELEVISION. HE'S ONE OF OUR
13 LOCAL HEROES WHO SAVED A BABY BOY'S LIFE LAST WEEK. DEPUTY
14 NAVA, JOINED BY HIS WIFE, JASMINE, HIS SON, PARENTS, AND HIS
15 STATION CAPTAIN, TIM MURAKAMI, HAVE SERVED -- HE SERVED ON THE
16 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR THE PAST EIGHT YEARS. HE WAS ASSIGNED
17 TO INDUSTRY STATION AND ALSO RESIDES IN THE FIRST DISTRICT
18 WITH HIS FAMILY. HE GREW UP HERE IN EAST LOS ANGELES NEAR THE
19 EAST L.A. SHERIFF'S STATION AND GRADUATED FROM GARFIELD HIGH
20 SCHOOL. HE ATTENDED EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE AND JOINED THE
21 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN JUNE 2007 AND WAS ASSIGNED TO THE
22 INDUSTRY STATION, BACK NEAR WHERE I GREW UP, IN JUNE OF 2014.
23 HE EVEN TELLS ME HE THINKS HE KNOWS MY MOM, WHICH IS REALLY
24 INCREDIBLE. ON THE EVENING OF NOVEMBER THE 16TH, DEPUTY NAVA
25 RESPONDED TO A RESCUE CALL AT THE CORNER OF HACIENDA BOULEVARD

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1 AND TEMPLE AVENUE. UPON HIS ARRIVAL, HE CONTACTED A DESPERATE
2 MOTHER WHO WAS CARING FOR HER BABY SON, WHO WASN'T BREATHING.
3 HER SON HAD SEVERAL MEDICAL PROBLEMS AND WAS RETURNING HOME
4 FROM A MEDICAL VISIT WHEN HE STOPPED BREATHING. DEPUTY NAVA
5 IMMEDIATELY STARTED C.P.R. ON THE BABY UNTIL THE PARAMEDICS
6 ARRIVED. THE BABY WAS THEN RUSHED TO THE LOCAL HOSPITAL, AND
7 DUE TO THE QUICK ACTIONS OF DEPUTY NAVA, THE BABY SURVIVED AND
8 IS DOING WELL. WHEN DEPUTY NAVA RETURNED TO THE STATION, ONE
9 OF HIS FIRST THOUGHTS WAS OF HIS OWN SON, WHO REMINDED HIM WHY
10 HE BECAME AN L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY. SINCE THAT
11 INCIDENT, DEPUTY NAVA HAS VISITED THE BABY, BABY SEBASTIAN, AT
12 HOME AND AT THE HOSPITAL AND HAS SHARED GOOD WISHES WITH THE
13 FAMILY AND WE KNOW THAT THEY'RE DOING WELL. INDUSTRY STATION
14 PERSONNEL HAVE MADE PLANS TO TRAIN BABY SEBASTIAN'S FAMILY IN
15 C.P.R., SO THEY ARE NOW PREPARED IF ANYTHING ELSE SHOULD
16 OCCUR. TODAY I'M VERY PROUD TO PRESENT THIS TO DEPUTY ERIK
17 NAVA, TO HIS FAMILY, AND TO OUR COMMUNITY, FOR SAVING
18 SEBASTIAN'S LIFE AND FOR HIS CONTINUED VALOR AND SUPPORT AND
19 COURAGE. HE'S A GOOD EXAMPLE OF WHAT OUR SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES
20 ARE TRAINED TO DO. SO, WE THANK YOU, AND GOD BLESS YOU AND
21 YOUR FAMILY. [APPLAUSE.] DEPUTY NAVA.

22

23 **ERIK NAVA, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF S DEPUTY:** I'LL BE BRIEF.
24 I JUST WANT TO GIVE MY APPRECIATION TO THE BOARD FOR RECEIVING
25 THIS RECOGNITION. AND I JUST WANT TO GIVE A SPECIAL THANKS TO

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1 MY FAMILY, WHO HAVE BEEN THERE, SUPPORTED ME THROUGHOUT, AND
2 FOR THE DECISION OF ME WANTING TO GET INTO LAW ENFORCEMENT.
3 AGAIN, JUST THANK EVERY ONE OF YOU, AND GREATLY APPRECIATE IT.
4 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE THREE-YEAR-OLD
7 TERRIER MIX. THIS IS JASPER, WHO IS LOOKING FOR A HOME. LITTLE
8 JASPER LOOKING FOR A HOME, LIKE TO CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING,
9 CHRISTMAS OR HANUKKAH OR THE NEW YEAR'S WITH YOU. SO YOU CAN
10 CALL 562-256-1649. AND LITTLE JASPER WILL BRING A LOT OF JOY,
11 AND HE'S LOOKING OUT TO SEE WHO IN THE AUDIENCE WOULD LIKE TO
12 BE HIS FOSTER MOTHER OR FOSTER FATHER.

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14 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** MEMBERS OF THE
15 PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT AND THE BOARD'S INTENT TO ENCOURAGE
16 THE PUBLIC'S PARTICIPATION IN TODAY'S BOARD HEARING. THE RIGHT
17 OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED WITH THE
18 NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH THE
19 ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC
20 OR THE ABILITY OF THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS
21 THE BOARD. THE FOLLOWING CODE OF CONDUCT IS OPERATIVE DURING
22 TODAY'S BOARD HEARING AND ALL ARE REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE
23 FOLLOWING RULES. SPEAKERS MUST CEASE SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN
24 THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST
25 RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC

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1 COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE
2 BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN
3 A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF. PLEASE REMAIN
4 RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM AND REFRAIN FROM UTTERING, WRITING, OR
5 DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL, THREATENING, DEROGATORY,
6 DEMEANING, OR OTHER ABUSE STATEMENTS TOWARD THE BOARD, ANY
7 MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF, OR OTHER PERSONS. MEMBERS OF THE
8 AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY
9 SPEAKERS, STAFF, AND BOARD MEMBERS AND MAY NOT CLAP, CHEER,
10 WHISTLE, OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THE BOARD
11 MEETING. A PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT DISRUPTS THE
12 MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE BOARD MEETING. IF
13 YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR BEHAVIOR BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
14 THAT DISRUPTS YOUR ABILITY TO REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN
15 THE MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY THE THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS OR OTHER
16 COUNTY STAFF. THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE'RE GOING TO CALL UP ITEM R-2. THIS
19 DEALS WITH THE GAS LEAK. AND WE'RE GOING TO FIRST ASK THE GAS
20 COMPANY IF THEY WOULD COME UP, AND THEN WE WILL HEAR FROM THE
21 PUBLIC. FIRST WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THE PUBLIC HEALTH DO THEIR
22 REPORT. LET ME JUST FOR OPENING STATEMENTS STATE THAT WHEN
23 THIS FIRST HAPPENED, IT WAS A MONTH AGO, OCTOBER 23RD. WE WERE
24 TOLD BY THE GAS COMPANY, THEY TOLD THE COMMUNITY THAT THIS
25 COULD BE FIXED IN A FEW DAYS. THEN THEY WERE GOING TO BRING IN

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1 SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FROM THE GULF COAST. AND THEN THEY SAID IT
2 WOULD BE FIXED IN A FEW WEEKS. NOW WE'RE BEING TOLD IT WILL
3 TAKE MONTHS, WHICH IS REALLY NONSENSICAL AND IRRESPONSIBLE,
4 BECAUSE WE HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO MOVE FORWARD
5 EXPEDITIOUSLY TO DO EVERYTHING IN OUR ABILITIES TO MOVE
6 FORWARD. WE'VE HAD THE AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, WHO
7 WILL BE TESTIFYING THIS MORNING, ISSUE A VIOLATION, AND THAT
8 VIOLATION COULD AMOUNT TO UP TO, I BELIEVE, \$250,000 A DAY.
9 WE'RE ASKING FOR THIS TO BE RESOLVED, BECAUSE PEOPLE'S LIVES
10 ARE BEING IMPACTED. THEIR PROPERTY IS BEING IMPACTED. AND AT
11 THIS DAY AND AGE, WE NEED TO MOVE EXPEDITIOUSLY AND NOT JUST
12 HAVE STATUS QUO. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HEALTH. AND IF ANY OF
13 THOSE FINES THAT WOULD BE LEVIED BY THE AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT
14 DISTRICT, THOSE FINES, THOSE DOLLARS SHOULD BE USED IN THAT
15 COMMUNITY WHERE THEY'VE HAD THAT GAS LEAK. BUT LET ME FIRST
16 HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

17

18 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** HELLO? THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, MAYOR
19 ANTONOVICH AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR ALERTING
20 AND BRINGING THIS TO THE PUBLIC'S ATTENTION. AND WE'RE VERY
21 PLEASED TO PRESENT. I'M ACCOMPANIED, THIS IS CYNTHIA HARDING,
22 INTERIM DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND
23 TODAY I'M ACCOMPANIED BY ANGELO BELLOMO, OUR DIRECTOR OF
24 HEALTH PROTECTION, AND CYRUS RANGAN, OUR MEDICAL DIRECTOR FOR

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1 TOXIC EPIDEMIOLOGY. SO I'M GOING TO TURN THE PRESENTATION OVER
2 TO MR. BELLOMO.

3

4 **ANGELO BELLOMO:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, CYNTHIA. AND, AGAIN,
5 THANK YOU, MAYOR, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE. THE
6 PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE TO THIS GAS LEAK, I JUST WANTED TO GO
7 THROUGH A COUPLE OF OPENING POINTS. THE GAS LEAK WAS
8 DISCOVERED BY SOUTHERN CAL GAS ON OCTOBER 23RD. THE EMISSIONS
9 HAVE BEEN ESTIMATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF GAS AND GEOTHERMAL
10 RESOURCES TO BE ON THE ORDER OF 50,000 KILOGRAMS PER HOUR. IT
11 JUST GIVES US AN IDEA OF THE AMOUNT OF GAS THAT'S BEING
12 RELEASED FROM THE SURFACE OR FROM THE LEAK ZONE. AND PUBLIC
13 HEALTH WAS NOTIFIED ON OCTOBER 28TH, AND A COUPLE OF DAYS
14 LATER ON NOVEMBER 4TH, WE PARTICIPATED IN THE FIRST COMMUNITY
15 MEETING. NOW, THERE'S TWO PRIMARY CHEMICALS OF CONCERN HERE.
16 ONE OF THEM IS METHANE. AND MOST OF US ARE FAMILIAR WITH
17 METHANE. BUT IT DOES NOT HAVE AN INHALATION HAZARD IN AN
18 ENVIRONMENT LIKE THE ONE WE'RE LOOKING AT HERE, PRIMARILY IN
19 OPEN AIR. IF METHANE BUILDS UP IN ENCLOSED STRUCTURES, IT
20 BECOMES A FIRE AND EXPLOSION PROBLEM. BUT THAT IS NOT THE
21 ISSUE HERE. AND THE MONITORING THAT'S BEEN DONE IN THE OPEN
22 AIR INDICATE THERE ARE RELATIVELY LOW LEVELS IN OPEN AIR,
23 WHICH IS WHAT WE WOULD EXPECT. DAILY MONITORING BY THE
24 AGENCIES IS CONTINUING. WITH REGARD TO MERCAPTANS, THIS IS A
25 CHEMICAL SUBSTANCE, A SULFUROUS SUBSTANCE, THAT IS PLACED AS

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1 AN ADDITIVE IN NATURAL GAS. AND THE REASON FOR THAT IS THAT
2 THE COMPONENTS IN NATURAL GAS ARE NATURALLY ODORLESS. AND
3 BECAUSE OF THE HAZARDS OF THE GAS, ROUTINELY THESE SULFUROUS
4 COMPOUNDS ARE ADDED TO WARN US OF THE PRESENCE OF THE GAS. SO
5 OUR HUMAN NOSES CAN DETECT THE MERCAPTANS AND THESE ODORANTS
6 THAT ARE ADDED TO GAS AT A VERY SMALL CONCENTRATION, MUCH
7 LOWER THAN EVEN INSTRUMENTATION CAN DETECT IT. ABOUT 1,000
8 TIMES LOWER, THE HUMAN NOSE CAN PICK UP THESE MERCAPTANS. SO,
9 OUR NOSE IS VERY SENSITIVE TO THESE. NOW, DAILY CONCENTRATIONS
10 THAT HAVE BEEN MEASURED IN THE ENVIRONMENT ARE WELL BELOW THE
11 DANGER THRESHOLDS, BUT EXPOSURES TO MERCAPTANS ARE AFFECTING
12 SOME RESIDENTS IN THE COMMUNITY. AND THE AGENCIES, PRIMARILY
13 THE AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH
14 DEPARTMENT, ARE RECEIVING DAILY COMPLAINTS FROM THE PUBLIC.
15 THE HEALTH EFFECTS THAT HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO US AND THAT WE
16 ARE SEEING IN THOSE THAT WE'RE TALKING WITH IS -- INCLUDE
17 NAUSEA, STOMACH DISCOMFORT, DIZZINESS, HEADACHE, RESPIRATORY
18 PROBLEMS; AND THAT THESE SYMPTOMS ARE GOING TO CONTINUE AS
19 LONG AS THE EXPOSURE TO THESE MERCAPTANS ARE PERCEIVED WITHIN
20 THE NEIGHBORHOOD. WE DO NOT EXPECT THAT THE LEVELS ENCOUNTERED
21 HERE IN OPEN AIR, THAT THERE WILL BE ANY LONG-TERM OR
22 PERMANENT HEALTH EFFECTS, BUT THE INTERMITTENT EXPOSURES THAT
23 ARE EXISTING TODAY WILL CONTINUE TO PRODUCE THE SYMPTOMS THAT
24 ARE REFERENCED HERE IN THE SECOND BULLET. WE DID ISSUE, MAYOR
25 ANTONOVICH, IN RESPONSE TO DISCUSSIONS WE HAD WITH YOUR OFFICE

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1 AND THE INFORMATION THAT WAS COMING TO US FROM THE FIELD, WE
2 DID ISSUE A DIRECTIVE ON NOVEMBER 19TH TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
3 GAS. AND THERE WERE BASICALLY TWO PRIMARY PARTS OF THAT
4 DIRECTIVE. ONE WAS THAT THEY CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE
5 REGULATORY AGENCIES THAT ARE ON THIS IN SUPERVISING THE
6 MITIGATION EFFORTS, THE ASSESSMENT MITIGATION EFFORTS, AND
7 THAT THEY SHOULD DO THAT ON AN EXPEDITED BASIS AND KEEP THE
8 FOCUS ON PUBLIC-HEALTH PROTECTION. THE SECOND WAS TO OFFER
9 FREE TEMPORARY RELOCATION TO ANY AREA RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY
10 ODORS FROM THE ALISO CANYON SITE. AND I'M GOING TO EXPLAIN NOW
11 THE BASIS FOR THAT DIRECTIVE. INITIALLY, WHEN THIS INCIDENT
12 FIRST OCCURRED, THERE WERE ESTIMATES THAT IT MIGHT TAKE JUST A
13 FEW DAYS TO CORRECT THE PROBLEM. BUT THE RECENT ESTIMATES
14 SUGGEST THAT THIS COULD TAKE MUCH LONGER THAN THAT. AND AS A
15 RESULT, WE BELIEVE THAT THERE REALLY NEEDED TO BE RELIEF
16 OFFERED TO THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING THESE DAILY SYMPTOMS. AND
17 WE WANT TO CLARIFY THAT THERE ARE NO MANDATORY RELOCATIONS
18 THAT ARE BEING ORDERED BY THE HEALTH OFFICER. WE'VE SIMPLY
19 DIRECTED SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS TO OFFER TEMPORARY RELOCATION
20 TO THOSE RESIDENTS THAT ARE BEING AFFECTED. AND THIS WILL
21 PROVIDE THOSE RESIDENTS WITH TEMPORARY RELIEF UNTIL THE
22 REPAIRS ARE MADE. AND, AGAIN, WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHEN
23 THAT'S GOING TO BE. MAYBE WE'LL GET AN UPDATE FROM THE GAS
24 COMPANY THIS MORNING. WHAT THIS ALL MEANS TO THE COMMUNITY IS
25 THAT THE AFFECTED RESIDENTS WILL GET THE OPPORTUNITY FOR

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1 RELIEF WHILE THE REPAIRS ARE BEING MADE AND THAT RESIDENTS WHO
2 ARE ABLE TO TOLERATE THE ODORS AND WHO DO NOT WISH TO LEAVE
3 THEIR HOMES WILL REMAIN. AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE
4 RESIDENTS TO REGISTER THEIR COMPLAINTS WITH BOTH A.Q.M.D. AND
5 PUBLIC HEALTH. AND THAT CONCLUDES AT LEAST OUR PART OF THIS
6 PRESENTATION, MAYOR.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ASK, WHAT IS THE HEALTH RISK
9 FOR A GAS LEAK?

10

11 **DR. CYRUS RANGAN:** I CAN ANSWER THAT, SUPERVISOR. I'M DR. CYRUS
12 RANGAN. I AM A MEDICAL TOXICOLOGIST WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL
13 HEALTH DIVISION AT THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT. AND THERE ARE
14 TWO MAJOR COMPONENTS TO THE NATURAL GAS MIXTURE. ONE OF THEM
15 IS METHANE, WHICH PRIMARILY PRESENTS AN EXPLOSION RISK. BUT AT
16 THE LEVELS THAT WE'RE SEEING HERE, WE'RE NOT ANTICIPATING THAT
17 TO BE ANY DEGREE OF A PROBLEM. AND THEN THERE'S ANOTHER
18 COMPONENT CALLED MERCAPTANS, AND MERCAPTANS ARE THE TRACE
19 AMOUNTS OF ODOR-CAUSING CHEMICALS THAT WE PLACE INTO THE
20 NATURAL GAS IN ORDER TO DETECT IT. THE MERCAPTANS ARE WHAT ARE
21 CAUSING THE SYMPTOMS THAT WE'RE CURRENTLY OBSERVING IN THIS
22 PORTER RANCH COMMUNITY, AND THOSE INCLUDE IRRITATION TO THE
23 EYES, NOSE, THROAT AREA, SOME NAUSEA, ABDOMINAL DISCOMFORT,
24 SHORTNESS OF BREATH IN SOME INDIVIDUALS, DIZZINESS, HEADACHES.
25 THESE ARE ESSENTIALLY RECURRENT, DAILY, MILD SYMPTOMS THAT

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1 PEOPLE ARE RECEIVING AS A RESULT OF THIS EXPOSURE. WHAT WE CAN
2 SAY ABOUT THIS, HOWEVER, IS THAT THESE EXPOSURES ARE NOT
3 EXPECTED TO LEAD TO LONG-TERM OR PERMANENT HEALTH PROBLEMS,
4 BUT THEY ARE EXPECTED TO RECUR DAILY, AS LONG AS THE ODOR
5 REMAINS.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DOES IT IMPACT AN INDIVIDUAL? LET'S
8 SAY, HOW DOES IT IMPACT AN INFANT? HOW DOES IT IMPACT A SENIOR
9 CITIZEN? HOW DOES IT IMPACT A PERSON WHO IS RECOVERING FROM
10 MAJOR SURGERY AND NOW BEING AT HOME WITH MEDICAL CARE?

11

12 **DR. CYRUS RANGAN:** BY AND LARGE, THESE EXPOSURES IMPACT
13 INDIVIDUALS ON A FAIRLY INDIVIDUAL BASIS. SO IT DOESN'T
14 NECESSARILY CAUSE A CERTAIN KIND OF A TREND IN INFANTS VERSUS
15 ADULTS OR SENIOR CITIZENS VERSUS OTHER HEALTHY INDIVIDUALS OR
16 PEOPLE WITH CHRONIC DISEASE VERSUS PEOPLE WHO DON'T. IT'S
17 REALLY MUCH MORE OF A PERSON-TO-PERSON VARIANCE IN TERMS OF
18 HOW PEOPLE RESPOND TO THESE SORTS OF EXPOSURES. SO THERE ARE
19 LOW-LEVEL EXPOSURES THAT CAUSE THESE SEVERE ODORS THAT FOR
20 SOME PEOPLE WILL CAUSE CERTAIN TYPES OF SYMPTOMS, AND IT
21 REALLY JUST DEPENDS ON THAT INDIVIDUAL.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HOW DO YOU MONITOR THE SITUATION, AND
24 HOW ARE YOU ABLE TO KEEP THE PUBLIC INFORMED AS TO THE STATUS
25 OF THE PROBLEM?

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2 **ANGELO BELLOMO:** MAYOR ANTONOVICH, WE'RE PARTICIPATING IN DAILY
3 PHONE CALLS WITH THE AGENCIES AND THE RESPONSIBLE PARTY. WE'RE
4 ALSO RECEIVING CALLS AND FOLLOWING UP WITH COMPLAINANTS, THOSE
5 WHO ARE BEING AFFECTED WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. AND WE'RE
6 MONITORING THE WORK THAT'S BEING DONE BY STAYING IN CONTACT
7 WITH THE REGULATORY AGENCIES.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW, I KNOW THERE ARE ATTEMPTS BY THE
10 GAS COMPANY TO MASK THE ODOR. BUT THAT'S JUST A COAT OF PAINT.
11 IT'S NOT GETTING TO THE SUBSTANCE, WHICH IS -- ACTUALLY IT'S A
12 POISON. AND YOU'RE SAYING THAT AN INDIVIDUAL, BE IT AN INFANT,
13 OR REGARDLESS OF AGE, WILL BE ABLE TO TOLERATE THAT POISON.
14 AND TO ME, THAT IS TOTALLY IRRESPONSIBLE THAT WE ALLOW THAT TO
15 CONTINUE. AND NOW, AGAIN, WE'RE BEGINNING THE SECOND MONTH OF
16 THIS WITHOUT ANY LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL TO HAVE IT
17 RESOLVED.

18

19 **ANGELO BELLOMO:** RIGHT. IN PUBLIC HEALTH, MAYOR, WE ARE
20 SKEPTICAL ABOUT THE USE OF MASKING AGENTS. WE REALLY THINK THE
21 FOCUS SHOULD BE ON MITIGATING THE RELEASE AS QUICKLY AS
22 POSSIBLE. AND THERE'S A REASON WHY THE ODOR IS IN THERE. IT
23 HE'S SO THAT WE CAN PERCEIVE THAT THERE IS A RELEASE
24 CONTINUING. I THINK THERE ARE SOME LEGITIMATE BASES BEHIND
25 WHAT THE GAS COMPANY IS PROPOSING. AND WE'RE ANXIOUS TO HEAR

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1 WHAT THE AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FEELS ABOUT THE USE
2 OF THESE MASKING AGENTS. AND WE'LL ALSO DO OUR OWN RESEARCH ON
3 THIS, AS WELL, BECAUSE AS I SAID, WE'RE SKEPTICAL ABOUT THE
4 USE OF THESE AGENTS.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THERE IS -- IN YOUR PROTOCOL, THERE IS
7 NO PROTOCOL THAT INDICATES DIGESTING THIS POISON IS NOT GOING
8 TO BE EVENTUALLY HARMFUL TO A PERSON.

9

10 **ANGELO BELLOMO:** WELL, I'M GOING TO LET DR. RANGAN COMMENT ON
11 THAT, BUT I DON'T THINK INGESTION IS WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT
12 HERE. BUT, DR. RANGAN?

13

14 **DR. CYRUS RANGAN:** WHEN IT COMES TO THESE PARTICULAR CHEMICALS,
15 THE MERCAPTANS THAT WE REFERENCED EARLIER, THEY'RE PRESENT IN
16 EXTRAORDINARILY LOW LEVELS, BUT THEY ARE CERTAINLY HIGH ENOUGH
17 TO CAUSE THE ODOR RESPONSE.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DO THEY BUILD UP OVER TIME?

20

21 **DR. CYRUS RANGAN:** IN GENERAL, THEY DO NOT. SO, WE DON'T REALLY
22 HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT A LONG-TERM ACCUMULATION OF THESE
23 COMPOUNDS IN PEOPLE LEADING TO LONG-TERM OR PERMANENT HEALTH
24 EFFECTS OR A THREAT TO LIFE OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. SO, THESE
25 ARE DAILY EXPOSURES WITH EXTREMELY LOW LEVELS, BUT BECAUSE OF

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1 THE ODORS AND BECAUSE OF THE STRENGTH OF THOSE ODORS, THEY CAN
2 CAUSE THE SYMPTOMS THAT I MENTIONED BEFORE.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? WE HAVE THE AIR
5 QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT. WOULD YOU LIKE TO COMMENT? IT WAS
6 ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT YOU HAVE STARTED THE PROCESS TO FILE
7 NOTICES OF VIOLATIONS. AND COULD YOU EXPLAIN THAT PROCESS AND
8 THE A.Q.M.D.'S RESPONSE TO THE SITUATION? I KNOW AT OUR LAST
9 A.Q.M.D. MEETING LAST MONTH, PEOPLE DID COME DOWN FROM THE
10 COMMUNITY. AND WE WERE ADVISED AT THAT TIME THAT A.Q.M.D. HAD
11 BEEN NOTIFIED AND THEY WERE WORKING TO BASICALLY -- I GUESS
12 THIS WAS THE TIME WHEN THE GAS COMPANY SAID IT WAS GOING TO BE
13 FIXED IN A MATTER OF DAYS. AND NOW WE FIND OUT IT'S CONTINUING
14 AND IT'S GOING TO BE MORE THAN A FEW WEEKS. SO COULD YOU GIVE
15 US THE SITUATION -- RESPONSE TO THE SITUATION, WHAT A.Q.M.D.
16 IS DOING?

17

18 **MOHSEN NAZEMI:** SURE, GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR. MY NAME IS
19 MOHSEN NAZEMI. I'M DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR SOUTH COAST
20 AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT. SUPERVISOR, THE GAS LEAK
21 STARTED ON OCTOBER 23RD, AND WE BEGAN GETTING ODOR COMPLAINTS
22 ON OCTOBER 24TH, IMMEDIATELY THE NEXT DAY AFTER. UNTIL 10:00
23 LAST NIGHT WE HAD RECEIVED OVER 660 ODOR COMPLAINTS, AND WE
24 HAVE MADE OVER TWO DOZEN COMPLAINT RESPONSE AND FACILITY SITE
25 INSPECTIONS SINCE THAT TIME. WE HAVE ALSO TAKEN AIR SAMPLES IN

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1 THE COMMUNITY. WHAT WE DID INITIALLY WAS ON NOVEMBER 5TH, WE
2 ISSUED A NOTICE TO COMPLY TO THE GAS COMPANY. WE WANTED TO
3 FIND OUT WHEN DID THE GAS COMPANY KNOW ABOUT THIS LEAK AND
4 WHAT ACTIONS THEY SPECIFICALLY TOOK. WE ALSO REQUIRED THEM TO
5 SAFELY AND IMMEDIATELY STOP THE LEAK, NATURAL GAS, AND PREVENT
6 ODORS GOING INTO THE COMMUNITY. AS A RESULT OF THE NUMBER OF
7 COMPLAINTS AND ALSO THE FINDINGS THAT THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
8 PUBLIC HEALTH HAD MADE, WE ISSUED A NOTICE OF VIOLATION
9 YESTERDAY FOR PUBLIC NUISANCE, BASED ON DISCHARGING NATURAL
10 GAS AND AIR CONTAMINANTS TO CAUSE INJURY, DETRIMENT, NUISANCE
11 OR ANNOYANCE TO A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF PERSONS OR PUBLIC AND
12 ALSO HAVE ENDANGERED SOME INDIVIDUALS IN THE COMMUNITY. OUR
13 OVERALL PARTICIPATION HAS BEEN THE SAME AS YOU HEARD FROM MR.
14 BELLOMO AND DR. RANGAN, THAT WE HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE DAILY
15 BRIEFINGS WITH OTHER AGENCIES AND THE GAS COMPANY. OUR CONCERN
16 WITH THE USE OF THE MISTING AGENT OR THE ODOR SUPPRESSANT IS
17 BASED ON OUR EXPERIENCE THAT WE HAVE WITH LANDFILLS AND OTHER
18 TRASH TRANSFER FACILITIES, THAT THESE ODOR SUPPRESSANTS MAY
19 WORK IN MASKING THE ODOR OF MERCAPTAN, FOR EXAMPLE, BUT THEY
20 HAVE THEIR OWN ODORS. AND SOME OF THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS MAY BE
21 SENSITIVE TO THAT ODOR. AND SO WE HAVE EXPERIENCED THAT ONCE
22 THAT TYPE OF MISTING COMPOUND HAS BEEN USED, THEN WE START
23 GETTING COMPLAINTS ABOUT A DIFFERENT TYPE OF ODOR IN THE
24 COMMUNITY, NOT THE MERCAPTAN ODORS. THE GAS COMPANY PROVIDED
25 US WITH A COUPLE OF ODOR MITIGATION MEASURE AND AIR MONITORING

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1 PLAN THAT WE HAVE REVIEWED AND PROVIDED OUR COMMENTS BACK AND
2 THAT WAS PART OF OUR COMMENT RELATIVE TO THIS MISTING AGENT
3 THAT WE DON'T BELIEVE THAT THIS IS AN EFFECTIVE WAY OF
4 ADDRESSING THE PROBLEM. OBVIOUSLY STOPPING THE LEAK IS THE
5 PRIMARY WAY TO PREVENT THE ODORS.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IT'S JUST A COVER-UP SO THAT PEOPLE
8 FORGET THAT THERE'S A MAJOR PROBLEM.

9

10 **MOHSEN NAZEMI:** IT IS, LIKE I SAID, YOU KNOW, IT MAY WORK, IT
11 MAY NOT EVEN WORK FOR MERCAPTANS. BUT EVEN IF IT DOES WORK, IT
12 DOES STILL HAVE A SLIP OF THE NEW ODOR INTO THE COMMUNITY.
13 ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION ON THIS MATERIAL, IT IS A FOOD-
14 BASED COMPOUND, BUT IT DOES HAVE ODOR. IT COULD REACT AND FORM
15 BY-PRODUCTS THAT COULD ALSO BE HARMFUL.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WAS THE NOTICE OF VIOLATION FOR THE
18 LEAK, OR WAS IT FOR THE ODOR?

19

20 **MOHSEN NAZEMI:** THE NOTICE OF VIOLATION IS FOR CREATING A
21 PUBLIC NUISANCE IN VIOLATION OF HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE 41700
22 AND OUR DISTRICT'S PUBLIC NUISANCE RULE 402.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND THE FINE FOR THAT IS?

25

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1 **MOHSEN NAZEMI:** OUR ATTORNEYS WILL BE EVALUATING THE VARIOUS
2 PARAMETERS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT AND DETERMINE WHAT
3 THE ACTUAL FINE WOULD BE ON A DAILY BASIS FOR THIS TYPE OF
4 VIOLATION. I DON'T WANT TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF ATTORNEYS.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I UNDERSTAND. BUT THE PARAMETERS GO UP
7 TO \$250,000 A DAY?

8

9 **MOHSEN NAZEMI:** I'M NOT AN ATTORNEY. BUT MY UNDERSTANDING IS
10 THAT UNDER HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE, THERE ARE LIMITS ON HOW
11 HIGH THE PENALTIES COULD BE. AND I BELIEVE THAT MIGHT BE
12 \$75,000, NOT \$250,000.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** A DAY.

15

16 **MOHSEN NAZEMI:** YES, CORRECT.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND IF THE FINE GOES INTO EFFECT, HOW
19 DO WE DIRECT THAT THOSE REVENUES WOULD BE FOR THAT SECTION OF
20 THE COMMUNITY THAT WAS IMPACTED BY THIS?

21

22 **MOHSEN NAZEMI:** SUPERVISOR, CERTAINLY, AS YOU'RE AWARE, AS A
23 BOARD MEMBER, THE GOVERNING BOARD CAN DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE
24 OFFICER TO SPEND THE FINE AND PENALTIES ANY --

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO, WE CAN DO IT. I THINK WE HAVE AN
2 A.Q.M.D. MEETING THIS WEEK, I BELIEVE.

3

4 **MOHSEN NAZEMI:** THAT'S RIGHT, ON FRIDAY THE 4TH.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO WE CAN -- I'LL RAISE THAT ISSUE
7 AGAIN AT THAT MEETING IN DIAMOND BAR. SO THE A.Q.M.D.
8 DETERMINES HOW THOSE FUNDS SHOULD BE SPENT IF SUCH A FINE WAS
9 LEVIED.

10

11 **MOHSEN NAZEMI:** THAT'S CORRECT.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I UNDERSTAND. HAVE YOU RECEIVED MANY
14 OTHER ODOR COMPLAINTS? HAS THE DISTRICT RECEIVED ODOR
15 COMPLAINTS FROM OTHER AREAS IN THE PAST?

16

17 **MOHSEN NAZEMI:** OUTSIDE THE AREA OF ALISO CANYON?

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES.

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21 **MOHSEN NAZEMI:** YES, WE HAVE. AND WHAT HAS BEEN THE

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WHAT HAS BEEN THE ACTION ON THOSE
24 COMPLAINTS?

25

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1 **MOHSEN NAZEMI:** IT DEPENDS ON THE SEVERITY AND THE DURATION OF
2 THOSE. THERE ARE, FOR EXAMPLE, REFINERIES HAVE HAD SITUATIONS
3 WHERE THEY MAY HAVE HAD AN INCIDENT WHERE THERE WAS FLARING
4 AND OTHER ACTIVITIES. IF IT WAS A SHORT-TERM, IT WOULD BE ONLY
5 CONSTITUTING A VIOLATION FOR THAT DAY THAT IT OCCURRED. HERE,
6 WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IS A CONTINUOUS ODOR THAT HAS BEEN IN
7 THE COMMUNITY. SO THE PUBLIC NUISANCE HAS BEEN -- UNDER OUR
8 NOTICE OF VIOLATION, WE IDENTIFIED IT AS BEGINNING ON OCTOBER
9 24TH AND ONGOING.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HAS THE GAS COMPANY BRIEFED A.Q.M.D.
12 ON THEIR POSSIBILITIES TO MASK THE ODORS? AND, AGAIN, THE
13 MASKING OF ODORS IS JUST, AS I SAID, A KIND OF COVER-UP. IT'S
14 NOT COVERING UP OR ELIMINATING THE LEAK.

15

16 **MOHSEN NAZEMI:** THE GAS COMPANY HAS BEEN BRIEFING OUR AGENCY AS
17 WELL AS THE OTHER REGULATORY AGENCIES ON A DAILY BASIS. AND,
18 AGAIN, WE AGREE THAT USE OF THIS SURFACTANT THAT MASKS THE
19 ODOR IS NOT AN EFFECTIVE WAY OF ADDRESSING IT. WE BELIEVE THAT
20 OBVIOUSLY STOPPING THE LEAK IS THE INITIAL WAY OF -- PRIMARY
21 WAY OF STOPPING IT. BUT IN THE MEANTIME, THE GAS THAT IS BEING
22 RELEASED NEEDS TO BE SOMEHOW COLLECTED AND DISPOSED OF RATHER
23 THAN LETTING IT GET INTO THE COMMUNITY. SO WE HAVE COMMENTED
24 TO THE GAS COMPANY THAT THEY NEED TO LOOK FURTHER INTO
25 COLLECTING THIS GAS BEFORE IT COMES -- BECAUSE IT COMES

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1 THROUGH THE SOIL. IT DOESN'T COME OUT IN ONE SPOT. AND SO
2 THERE ARE WAYS YOU CAN PUT IN WELLS, SHALLOW WELLS IN THE SOIL
3 AND COLLECT IT. AND THE GAS COMPANY HAS TOLD US THEY'RE
4 LOOKING IT INTO, BUT THEY HAVEN'T STARTED DOING THAT YET.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHAT IS THE TIMEFRAME FOR THEM TO PUT
7 IN SUCH A WELL, IF THAT WAS THEIR POLICY?

8

9 **MOHSEN NAZEMI:** I WAS TOLD YESTERDAY DURING THE BRIEFING AND ON
10 SATURDAY THAT THEY WERE LOOKING AT CONVERTING A FEW OF THE
11 WELLS THAT ARE NEAR THE S.S.25, THE WELL THAT'S LEAKING, BY
12 CAPPING IT IN A SHALLOW AREA AND THEN PUTTING A PERFORATED
13 CASING IN THOSE WELLS SO THEY CAN START PULLING GAS. THAT HAS
14 NOT BEEN DONE YET, AS FAR AS I KNOW. THERE'S ALSO THE
15 POSSIBILITY OF PUTTING IN BAKER EXTRACTION SYSTEMS WITHIN THE
16 SHALLOW AREA. AND AGAIN, THE GAS COMPANY HAS TOLD US THAT
17 BECAUSE THE CHANGE OF WIND DIRECTION AND THERE MAY BE HIGHER
18 CONCENTRATION OF METHANE NEAR WHERE THE LEAKS ARE COMPARED TO
19 WHERE THE COMMUNITY IS, THAT THEY DON'T WANT TO PUT IN ANY
20 EQUIPMENT THAT MAY CAUSE SOME KIND OF SAFETY HAZARD. SO I
21 DON'T HAVE AN ANSWER IN TERMS OF TIMING. THAT'S REALLY WHAT WE
22 HAVE ASKED THE GAS COMPANY TO PROVIDE TO US.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DO YOU FEEL THEY HAVE -- WHAT OUTSIDE
25 AGENCY WOULD BE ABLE TO COME IN TO CORRECT THE PROBLEM? AND IS

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1 THERE SUCH AN OUTSIDE AGENCY? AND IF THERE WAS, WHICH AGENCY
2 WOULD THAT BE?

3

4 **SPEAKER:** THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF OIL
5 AND GAS RESOURCES, D.O.G.G.R., IS ON SITE EVERY DAY, AS I WAS
6 TOLD. AND THEY'RE THE AGENCY THAT TYPICALLY REGULATES DRILLING
7 AND CONTROLLING WELLS FOR BOTH OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION. SO THEY
8 ARE ON SITE. THEY ARE PROVIDING THEIR EXPERTISE TO THE GAS
9 COMPANY, AS WELL. I AM REALLY NOT AWARE OF ANY OTHER AGENCY,
10 HOWEVER. I KNOW THE GAS COMPANY HAS HIRED A CONSULTANT, BOOTS
11 & COOTS, THAT HAVE EXPERIENCE IN PUTTING OUT FIRES AT OIL
12 WELLS THAT HAVE BEEN IN THE KUWAIT/IRAQ WAR, AS THEY ARE ON
13 SITE TRYING TO STOP THIS LEAK.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHICH AGENCY HAS THE AUTHORITY TO
16 BRING IN AN OUTSIDE CONTRACTOR TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE? IS IT
17 THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, OR THE AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT
18 DISTRICT?

19

20 **MOHSEN NAZEMI:** I'M AFRAID, SUPERVISOR, I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER
21 TO THAT QUESTION.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. I WOULD ASSUME -- WE COULD ASK
24 COUNTY COUNSEL. IT WOULD BE PROBABLY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES
25 COMMISSION WHO OVERSEES. AND IF THAT'S THE CASE, I'D LIKE TO

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1 KNOW, FIND OUT WHAT ACTIONS ARE THEY TAKING? WHAT ACTIONS ARE
2 THE GOVERNOR TAKING, I MEAN, ON THIS ISSUE, BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY
3 IT'S CONTINUING TO IMPACT THE COMMUNITY.

4

5 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** WE CAN LOOK INTO THAT, MR. MAYOR, AND
6 REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON THAT.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ASK THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. NOW,
9 WHEN THIS GAS LEAK WAS DISCOVERED ON OCTOBER 23RD, WHEN WAS
10 THE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT MADE AWARE OF IT?

11

12 **DARYL OSBY:** OKAY, GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE MAYOR, HONORABLE
13 BOARD, DARYL OSBY, FIRE CHIEF L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. IT
14 IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE GAS LEAK WAS FIRST OBSERVED ON
15 OCTOBER 23RD BY AN EMPLOYEE FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS
16 COMPANY. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT HEALTH HAZMAT
17 DIVISION WAS NOTIFIED MONDAY OCTOBER 26TH.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WHAT WAS THE INITIAL RESPONSE FROM
20 THE COUNTY'S -- WHEN WE WERE -- THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS
21 INFORMED?

22

23 **DARYL OSBY:** UPON NOTIFICATION ON OCTOBER THE 26TH, PERSONNEL
24 FROM OUR DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO THE SITE. WE MADE THE
25 DETERMINATION THAT THIS WAS A NATURAL GAS LEAK, METHANE, AND

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1 THE ODOR THAT WAS BEING DETECTED BY THE RESIDENTS WAS
2 MERCAPTAN, WHICH IS AN ODORANT THAT'S PUT IN NATURAL GAS OR
3 METHANE. OUR STAFF MADE A DETERMINATION THAT THE LEVEL OF
4 EXPLOSIVENESS AS IT RELATES TO THE CITIZEN'S AREA, OR THE
5 COMMUNITIES, DO NOT WARRANT IMMEDIATE EVACUATIONS. WE MADE
6 NOTIFICATIONS WITH OTHER FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER REGULATORY
7 AGENCIES. WE REVIEWED THE MONITORING SAMPLES THAT WERE BEING
8 DONE BY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS TO UNDERSTAND AND ENSURE THEY
9 WERE DONE CORRECTLY. AND THEN WE REVIEWED SITE SECURITY AND
10 CHEMICALS TO ENSURE THAT THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE PUBLIC
11 CONCERN.

12
13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IS IT COMBUSTIBLE?

14
15 **DARYL OSBY:** THE GAS IS COMBUSTIBLE. OUR MONITORING DICTATES
16 THAT AT THE SITE, THAT'S WHERE THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF
17 COMBUSTIBILITY COULD OCCUR. THE DEPARTMENT, L.A. COUNTY FIRE
18 DEPARTMENT, IN WORKING WITH OUR PARTNERING AGENCIES AND THE
19 GAS COMPANY, HAVE INSTITUTED PROVISIONS TO ENSURE THAT THERE
20 ARE NO IGNITION SOURCES. SO WE DID PARTICIPATE AND WE
21 INITIATED AN INCIDENT SUPPORT TEAM AND PUT TOGETHER AN
22 INCIDENT ACTION PLAN WITH THE GAS COMPANY AND OUR PARTNERING
23 AGENCIES TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS NO IGNITION SOURCES AT THE
24 LEAK. SO THAT'S THE HIGHEST CONCERN OF THE IGNITION SOURCE.
25 NATURAL GAS IS LIGHTER THAN AIR. SO AS IT'S LEAKING OUT OF THE

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1 WELLS, IT'S DISSIPATING IN THE AIR. OUR MONITORING IN THE
2 RESIDENTIAL AREA INDICATES THAT THERE IS NO CONCERN AS IT
3 RELATES TO EXPLOSIVENESS OR A FIRE CONCERN AT THIS TIME.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AT THIS TIME. WHEN WOULD IT BE?

6

7 **DARYL OSBY:** FROM OUR ESTIMATION, BECAUSE OF THE DISTANCE AND
8 THE TERRAIN, THE BIGGER CONCERN IS NOT THE RESIDENTIAL AREA AS
9 IT RELATES TO AN EXPLOSION. THE BIGGER CONCERN IS THAT THE
10 SITE OF THE RELEASE AND THE LEAK. THAT'S WHY WE'VE TAKEN
11 EXTRAORDINARY CONCERNS -- EXTRA ORDINARY PROVISIONS TO ENSURE
12 THAT THERE'S NO IGNITION SOURCES THERE TO CAUSE AN EXPLOSION
13 OR A FIRE.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHAT STEPS OUGHT TO BE TAKEN TO
16 CONTINUE TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC SAFETY?

17

18 **DARYL OSBY:** THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, IN RELATION WITH PUBLIC
19 HEALTH A.Q.M.D. AND OUR PARTNERING AGENCIES, HAVE PUT TOGETHER
20 AN INCIDENT ACTION PLAN WORKING WITH THE GAS COMPANY. WE WOULD
21 NEED TO RELY ON OTHER EXPERTS, THE UTILITIES, OR THE GAS
22 COMPANY TO ENSURE THAT THEY HIRE THE APPROPRIATE EXPERTS TO
23 CAP THE WELL OR TRANSFER THE GAS INTO ANOTHER WELL SO THERE'S
24 NO LONGER A LEAK.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHAT HAS BEEN THEIR RESPONSE?

2

3 **DARYL OSBY:** THEIR RESPONSE WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, SINCE
4 WE'VE BEEN NOTIFIED, HAS BEEN COOPERATIVE NOW AT THIS POINT.
5 THEY'VE BEEN COMMUNICATING WITH US AND ALL OF OUR PARTNERING
6 AGENCIES. THEY'VE ALSO HIRED OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS, BOOTS &
7 COOTS, TO HELP THEM TRY TO IDENTIFY A STRATEGIC APPROACH TO
8 EITHER CAP THE LEAK OR TRANSFER THE GAS INTO ANOTHER WELL, AND
9 ALSO A PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION AGENCY TO ASSIST US IN THE CASE
10 OF AN IGNITION. SO THEY HAVE BEEN COOPERATIVE. I CANNOT ANSWER
11 ANY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS IN RELATION TO TIMEFRAMES. THAT WOULD
12 BE A BETTER QUESTION FOR THE GAS COMPANY.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND FOR REGIONAL PLANNING, WHAT IS THE
15 OVERRIDING LAND USE AUTHORITY FOR THIS FACILITY?

16

17 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION IN THE
18 DEPARTMENT DOES NOT HAVE AUTHORITY OVER THIS. IT'S THE STATE
19 OF CALIFORNIA, AS WAS MENTIONED EARLIER BY THEIR DIVISION OF
20 OIL AND GAS.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO IT WOULD BE P.U.C.?

23

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1 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** AND THROUGH P.U.C. AND I THINK COUNTY
2 COUNSEL WILL GET BACK TO YOU ON THAT. BUT IT IS NOT THE LOCAL
3 LAND USE AUTHORITY FOR THOSE UNDERGROUND FACILITIES.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO OUR AUTHORITY HERE WITH THE P.U.C.
6 WOULD BE TO SEND A LETTER AND ASKING THEM TO IMMEDIATELY TAKE
7 ACTION TO ENSURE THAT WHAT'S BEING DONE IS GOING TO BE DONE TO
8 CAP THAT LEAK, INSTEAD OF JUST HAVING IT AS ANOTHER LETTER
9 THAT THEY RECEIVE AND FILING IT IN THE CIRCULAR FILE. WE ALSO
10 HAVE THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. THEIR OFFICE
11 CALLED. THEIR REPRESENTATIVE IS HERE. AND THEY WANT TO COMMENT
12 ON THE IMPACT THAT IT IS HAVING ON THE SCHOOLS. SO THEIR
13 REPRESENTATIVE IS COMING UP AT THIS TIME. I KNOW THE
14 SUPERINTENDENT CALLED OUR OFFICE YESTERDAY RELATIVE TO THE
15 STUDENTS AND THE SCHOOLS AND THE TRANSPORTATION ISSUE. SO
16 WE'LL LET THE DISTRICT RESPOND TO THEIR CONCERNS.

17

18 **CARLOS TORRES:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CARLOS TORRES. I'M THE
19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND
20 SAFETY WITH THE L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. WE APPRECIATE
21 ALL YOUR SUPPORT HERE. AT THIS TIME, THE SCHOOLS, BASED ON THE
22 INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE FIRE
23 DEPARTMENT, PLAN ON REMAINING OPEN. AT SUPERINTENDENT
24 CORTINES' DIRECTION, MY OFFICE WILL BE DOING OUR OWN
25 INDEPENDENT MONITORING AT OUR TWO SCHOOL SITES. WE WILL BE

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1 STARTING THAT NEXT WEEK ON MONDAY. AND WE'LL BE CONDUCTING
2 DAILY MONITORING WITH THE RESULTS POSTED AS THEY BECOME
3 AVAILABLE, INDEPENDENT OF THE SOCAL GAS'S MONITORING.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HOW CLOSE ARE THE SCHOOLS TO THE LEAK?

6

7 **CARLOS TORRES:** AS I UNDERSTAND, AS THE CROW FLIES, ONE OF THE
8 SCHOOLS IS ABOUT 4 MILES AWAY, AND ANOTHER SCHOOL IS ABOUT 2-
9 1/2 MILES AWAY FROM THE LEAK SITE.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HAVE THEY EXPERIENCED ODORS?

12

13 **CARLOS TORRES:** WE HAVEN'T RECEIVED DIRECT CALLS REGARDING
14 ODORS FROM THE SCHOOL DIRECTLY. WE'VE RECEIVED CALLS FROM THE
15 ADMINISTRATORS FROM THOSE SCHOOLS. AND THEY'VE RECEIVED CALLS
16 FROM THE COMMUNITY ABOUT THEIR CONCERNS.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND THE CONCERN FOR THOSE FAMILIES
19 THAT ARE RELOCATING BECAUSE OF THIS IS HOW TO GET THEIR
20 CHILDREN TO SCHOOL.

21

22 **CARLOS TORRES:** CORRECT.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** RAISE THAT YOU THAT YOU MENTIONED
25 YESTERDAY.

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1

2 **CARLOS TORRES:** SO WE'VE ASKED THE GAS COMPANY TO PROVIDE
3 TRANSPORTATION FOR ANY OF THESE FAMILIES THAT DO CHOOSE TO
4 RELOCATE. WE'VE ASKED FOR THEM TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO
5 AND FROM SCHOOL.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MR. MAYOR?

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR?

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I JUST HAD A QUESTION ACTUALLY FOR OUR STAFF
12 REGARDING WHAT OTHER LEAD AGENCIES SHOULD BE CONTACTED.
13 D.T.S.C. AND THE AIR RESOURCES BOARD, BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT
14 YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT METHANE GAS; IT'S HIGHLY TOXIC. BUT THE
15 AMBIENT EFFECT OF THIS, THAT I WOULD BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE
16 SOME OTHER STATE AGENCIES THAT HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY BEYOND JUST
17 A.Q.M.D. AND THE P.U.C. AND I'M JUST SAYING THAT, GIVEN OUR
18 EXPERIENCE THAT WE'VE HAD RECENTLY WITH EXIDE.

19

20 **MOHSEN NAZEMI:** SUPERVISOR, I CAN TELL YOU ABOUT AIR RESOURCES
21 BOARD INVOLVEMENT. THEY ARE AWARE OF THIS AND, IN FACT, THEY
22 WORK WITH J.P.L. AND CONDUCTED SOME EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHTS OVER.
23 THEY MADE A NUMBER OF FLIGHTS OVER THE AREA. AND THEY ACTUALLY
24 RELEASED A DRAFT PRELIMINARY REPORT LAST WEEK THAT ESTIMATED
25 THE AMOUNT OF NATURAL GAS THAT MAY HAVE BEEN RELEASED AS A

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1 RESULT OF THIS GAS LEAK. AND THEY ESTIMATED THAT THE QUANTITY
2 OF THE GREENHOUSE GAS THAT WAS RELEASED DURING THIS PERIOD WAS
3 ABOUT 25 PERCENT OR A QUARTER OF THE TOTAL GREENHOUSE GAS THAT
4 WAS RELEASED IN THE WHOLE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DURING THAT SAME
5 PERIOD.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WOW.

8

9 **DARYL OSBY:** HONORABLE SUPERVISOR, DARYL OSBY, ONCE AGAIN, THE
10 L.A. COUNTY FIRE CHIEF. THERE ARE TWO OTHER STATE AGENCIES
11 THAT ARE PARTICIPATING IN THIS BILL AND THIS COLLABORATION.
12 WE'VE MET WITH THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FROM THE STATE
13 OF CALIFORNIA. WE HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE HERE. AND THEY'RE
14 COLLABORATING AND WORKING WITH US. AND THEY'RE ALSO PROVIDING
15 ON-SITE SUPERVISION. AND ALSO THE REGULATORY DEPARTMENT FROM
16 THE STATE. THE DEPARTMENT OF GAS, OIL, GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES,
17 D.O.G.G.R., THEY'RE ALSO AT THE SITE. THEY HAVE REGULATORY
18 AUTHORITY AT THE STATE LEVEL TO ORDER THE MITIGATION OF THE
19 INCIDENT. THEY HAVE DONE THAT. AND THEY'RE ALSO PART OF THE
20 COLLABORATION OF WORKING TOGETHER WITH THE GAS COMPANY TO COME
21 UP WITH SOME TYPE OF RESOLUTION.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I WOULD JUST ECHO WHAT OUR MAYOR HAS SAID,
24 THAT WE REALLY HAVE TO BE FOCUSED IN ON A TIMEFRAME, BECAUSE
25 WE HAVE SUCH VOLATILE WEATHER EFFECTS RIGHT NOW, DROUGHT

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1 SEASON. RIGHT NOW WE'RE GOING INTO A PERIOD OF RAIN JUST OVER
2 THE WEEKEND, OR BEFORE THE WEEKEND. THEN IT'S GOING TO GET
3 HEATED UP AGAIN. AND THAT WILL HAVE EFFECTS AS THAT BECOMES
4 MORE AIRBORNE, ESPECIALLY THE METHANE. THERE'S A
5 RESPONSIBILITY HERE, AND SOMEBODY SHOULD BE SPEAKING UP ABOUT
6 THAT. SO, MR. MAYOR, I JUST THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE SOME
7 TIMELINES. IT'S GREAT TO HAVE COOPERATION, BUT IF YOU CAN'T
8 PUT THINGS IN WRITING AND GET SOME PRODUCT, THEN I THINK WE'RE
9 JUST BLOWING AIR.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BEFORE WE CALL UP THE GAS COMPANY, ARE
12 THERE ANY QUESTIONS THE OTHER SUPERVISORS WANT TO MAKE? THANK
13 YOU, BUT STAND BY.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE THE TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM
16 THE GAS COMPANY? GOOD MORNING.

17

18 **GILLIAN WRIGHT:** GOOD MORNING.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS IN THE PROCESS
21 TO REPAIR THE LEAK? AND WHAT IS THE REVISED ESTIMATE OF A
22 TIMELINE FOR THAT TO BE COMPLETED?

23

24 **GILLIAN WRIGHT:** GOOD MORNING, MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF
25 THE BOARD. I'M GILLIAN WRIGHT. I AM VICE PRESIDENT OF CUSTOMER

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1 SERVICES FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY. AND FOR THIS
2 INCIDENT, I'M ACTING AS THE PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER. I HAVE
3 WITH ME JIMMIE CHO, WHO IS OUR SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF GAS
4 OPERATIONS AND SYSTEM INTEGRITY AND IS THE INCIDENT COMMANDER
5 FOR THIS INCIDENT. TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, I WILL HAVE JIMMIE
6 GIVE AN UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF OUR OPERATIONS. BUT I'D LIKE
7 TO AT FIRST JUST RECOGNIZE THE IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY AND TO
8 SPEAK BRIEFLY TO HOW WE ARE TRYING TO ADDRESS THAT IMPACT. SO
9 YESTERDAY MARKED THE ONE MONTH ANNIVERSARY SINCE THE DISCOVERY
10 OF THE LEAK. STOPPING THE LEAK QUICKLY AND SAFELY IS OUR
11 COMPANY'S TOP PRIORITY. WE'RE DEEPLY SORRY FOR HOW THE LEAK
12 HAS AFFECTED THE COMMUNITY, AND WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE
13 PERSISTENT ODOR AND THE UNCERTAINTY OF THE TIME TO STOP THE
14 LEAK HAVE FRUSTRATED THE COMMUNITY AND RAISED CONCERNS. IN
15 PARTICULAR, WE APOLOGIZE FOR THE DISCOMFORT SOME PEOPLE HAVE
16 EXPERIENCED DUE TO THE ODOR. AS THE OTHERS HAVE MENTIONED, THE
17 LEAK IS MORE THAN A MILE AWAY FROM THE NEAREST RESIDENTS AND
18 THE NATURAL GAS DISSIPATES NATURALLY INTO THE AIR. HOWEVER, WE
19 RECOGNIZE THAT THE ODOR CAN BE DETECTED AT VERY LOW
20 CONCENTRATIONS, AND THAT IS CAUSING SOME DISCOMFORT FOR SOME
21 PEOPLE. SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE DONE TO TRY TO
22 REASSURE THE COMMUNITY ARE TO PROVIDE AIR MONITORING AND TO
23 DAILY POST THE RESULTS OF THOSE AIR MONITORING. WE'RE
24 MONITORING THE AIR QUALITY AND PARTICULARLY MONITORING FOR
25 SULFUR COMPOUNDS SUCH AS MERCAPTANS AS WELL AS HYDROCARBONS AT

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1 20 SITES IN THE COMMUNITY INCLUDING THE LOCATIONS OF THE
2 SCHOOLS. WE HAVE ALSO ESTABLISHED THE RELOCATION PROCESS AS
3 REQUESTED BY THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. AND TO DATE WE HAVE 259
4 HOUSEHOLDS REQUESTING RELOCATION. WE HAVE PLACED 67 HOUSEHOLDS
5 IN TEMPORARY HOUSING, AND WE ARE WORKING WITH 118 HOUSEHOLD TO
6 GET THEM PLACED. OUR GOAL AT THIS STAGE IS TO GET HOUSEHOLDS
7 PLACED WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THEIR INITIAL REQUEST. AND WE ARE
8 BRINGING ON ADDITIONAL RESOURCES. WE HAVE TWO OUTSIDE AGENCIES
9 DOING PLACEMENTS RIGHT NOW. WE'RE BRINGING ON TWO ADDITIONAL
10 AGENCIES AS OF TOMORROW MORNING. FINALLY, WE'RE TRYING TO
11 COMMUNICATE AS ACTIVELY AS POSSIBLE WITH THE COMMUNITY. WE
12 HAVE BEEN COMMUNICATING THROUGH DAILY UPDATES TO OUR WEBSITE.
13 WE HAVE DONE LETTERS AND EMAILS TO THE COMMUNITY AND, AS
14 NECESSARY, WE HAVE ALSO DONE AUTOMATED PHONE CALLS TO THE
15 PORTER RANCH COMMUNITY. WE WELCOME SUGGESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL
16 WAYS TO IMPROVE BOTH THE QUALITY AND CHANNELS FOR OUR
17 COMMUNICATIONS AND WE CONTINUE TO STRIVE TO IMPROVE THOSE.
18 BEFORE I CONCLUDE MY REMARKS, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT WE
19 RECOGNIZE THAT OUR INITIAL COMMUNICATIONS WERE DELAYED AND WE
20 HAVE STRIVED TO IMPROVE THOSE COMMUNICATIONS. IT'S A FOCUS FOR
21 US AND WE REALLY HOPE THAT WE ARE ABLE TO BOTH RELIEVE THE
22 CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY AND TO GET THE LEAK RESOLVED AS
23 QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. NOW I'M GOING TO TURN TO JIMMIE CHO TO
24 GIVE YOU AN OPERATIONAL UPDATE.

25

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1 **JIMMIE CHO:** THANK YOU, GILLIAN. MAYOR ANTONOVICH, SUPERVISORS,
2 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. I FIRST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK
3 ALL THE AGENCIES WHO ARE GUIDING US, WORKING WITH US AND HAVE
4 ACTUALLY BEEN PRESENT ON SITE INVESTING THEIR TIME. IN
5 PARTICULAR THE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, COUNTY HEALTH, THE
6 OFFICES THAT ARE FIRST RESPONDERS, A.Q.M.D., AND OTHERS. WE
7 WORK TOGETHER DAILY ON THE INCIDENT ACTION PLAN, AND THEY'RE
8 VERY MUCH INVOLVED IN THIS PROCESS. I WANT TO JUST FIRST GIVE
9 YOU A REAL HIGH LEVEL UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT ALISO CANYON IS.
10 FOR US AND FOR THE COMMUNITY, ALISO CANYON IS, IN A SENSE,
11 IT'S A BANK ACCOUNT. IT'S WHERE WE STORE NATURAL GAS IN A
12 NATURALLY DEPLETED GAS RESERVOIR ABOUT 8500 BELOW ELEVATION.
13 IT'S VERY, VERY DEEP IN THE GROUND. AND WE HAVE THESE
14 FACILITIES TO PROVIDE PEAK SHAVING, BECAUSE THE THE NEED FOR
15 GAS IS VERY CYCLICAL. AS WE KNOW, IN THE WINTERTIME THERE IS A
16 HIGH DEMAND. AND THEN OF COURSE, ALSO IN THE SUMMERTIME, WITH
17 THE POWER GENERATION, THERE'S SOMETIMES NEED FOR GAS, AS WELL.
18 SO THIS FACILITY IS A CRITICAL PIECE OF INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE
19 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND OUR EFFORT TO SERVE ALL THE
20 CUSTOMERS, BOTH THE RESIDENTIAL AND THEN THE BIG POWER PLANTS,
21 AS WELL. THAT IS WHAT THIS PLANT DOES. WITH RESPECT TO WHAT IS
22 GOING ON, AN UPDATE, I JUST WANT TO LET YOU KNOW FIRST AND
23 FOREMOST, THIS MORNING WE ARE AT THE NEXT LEVEL OF ATTEMPTING
24 TO STOP THE LEAK. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE BEEN PURSUING MULTIPLE
25 EFFORTS TO STOP THE LEAK FROM THE GAS, FROM THE GAS WELL. AT

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1 THE SAME TIME, WE HAVE BEEN PROACTIVE AND HAVE BEGUN PLANNING
2 AND PREPARING WHAT IS KNOWN AS A RELIEF WELL. OUR HOPE AND OUR
3 DESIRE AND OUR PLAN IS THAT THAT WOULD NOT BE NEEDED BUT WE'RE
4 NOT WAITING FOR THAT. THE RELIEF WELL IS SOMETHING THAT IS A
5 WAY TO INTERCEPT AND CAPTURE WHAT IS COMING OUT OF THE GROUND
6 THROUGH A DIFFERENT WELL LOCATION. THAT COULD TAKE AS LONG AS
7 ONE, TWO, THREE MONTHS. THAT'S WHAT YOU'VE BEEN HEARING. WE
8 ARE NOT THERE YET, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, WE'RE NOT WAITING AS
9 WELL. WE'RE NOT WAITING. THE PLAN FOR THAT IS ALREADY IN
10 PROCESS. WHAT HAS TAKEN SO LONG HAS BEEN A QUESTION THAT'S
11 BEEN ADDRESSED TO ME MANY TIMES, AND WHAT I CAN CONVEY TO YOU
12 IS THAT OUR C.O.O., BRET LANE, HAS BEEN THE OPERATIONS CHIEF
13 SINCE DAY ONE. AND I HAVE BEEN UP THERE SINCE I'VE BEEN BACK
14 IN THE CITY. IT IS OUR TOP PRIORITY TO SAFELY AND
15 EXPEDITIOUSLY STOP THE LEAK. I THINK FROM THE OUTSIDE IT LOOKS
16 LIKE IT'S TAKING A VERY LONG TIME, AND I COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND
17 THAT. WHAT I WANT TO LET YOU KNOW IS IN TERMS OF THE PROCESS
18 OF GETTING EQUIPMENT ON-SITE, THE RIGHT PERSONNEL ON-SITE,
19 DOING THE SAFETY CHECKS, STANDING DOWN WHEN SAFETY CONDITIONS
20 ARE NOT SAFE AND MOVING FORWARD ONLY WHEN APPROPRIATE, WE'RE
21 TAKING ALL THOSE STEPS. THE LAST THING WE WANT IS AN INJURY OR
22 SOME HARM TO COME TO THOSE WHO ARE WORKING ON THE SITUATION.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SOME CONSTITUENTS HAVE STATED THAT THE
25 APPLICATION PROCESS FOR RELOCATION IS VERY BURDENSOME. HAS THE

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1 GAS COMPANY BEEN ABLE TO REVISE THE APPLICATION FOR
2 RELOCATION?

3

4 **GILLIAN WRIGHT:** WE'RE WORKING AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO
5 IMPROVE THE RELOCATION PROCESS. SINCE THE PUBLIC HEALTH
6 DIRECTIVE WAS ISSUED LAST WEEK, WE SAW A VERY RAPID INCREASE
7 IN THE REQUEST FOR RELOCATION. AND WE HAVE OVER THE WEEKEND
8 AND INTO THE EARLY PART OF THIS WEEK BROUGHT ON A 24/7 CALL
9 CENTER WITH LIVE AGENTS TO TAKE THE INITIAL REQUESTS. AND AS I
10 SAID, WE BROUGHT ON FIRST ONE AND THEN TWO AND NOW WE'RE UP TO
11 FOUR OUTSIDE AGENCIES TO DO THE TEMPORARY HOUSING PLACEMENTS.
12 THE WAY THE PROCESS WORKS, THE CUSTOMERS SIMPLY NEED TO
13 PROVIDE THEIR NAME, CONTACT INFORMATION, AND THE NUMBER OF
14 PEOPLE IN THE HOUSEHOLDS THAT NEED TO BE PLACED, AS WELL AS
15 ANY PETS OR ANY ACCOMMODATIONS FOR DISABILITIES OR ACCESS OR
16 FUNCTIONAL NEEDS. THEY RECEIVE A CALL BACK FROM THE HOUSING
17 PLACEMENT AGENCY WITHIN 24 HOURS AND THEY CAN BE PLACED IN AT
18 LEAST A HOTEL ACCOMMODATION WITHIN THAT PERIOD. MANY PEOPLE
19 ARE CONSIDERING THEIR OPTIONS. WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL REQUESTS
20 FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO STAY WITH FAMILY, TO FIND THEIR
21 OWN ACCOMMODATIONS. TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, WE ARE WORKING
22 WITH ALL OF THE RESIDENTS ON ANY OPTION THAT'S GENERALLY IN
23 THE RANGE OF WHAT WE WOULD OFFER THROUGH THE RELOCATION
24 PROCESS. SOME FAMILIES ARE STILL -- HOUSEHOLDS ARE
25 CONSIDERING. SOME PREFER TO WAIT TO MOVE UNTIL A LONGER-TERM

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1 ACCOMMODATION IS AVAILABLE, AND WE'RE WORKING AS QUICKLY AS
2 POSSIBLE TO GET THROUGH THE QUEUE OF CUSTOMER RESIDENTS
3 LOOKING FOR PLACEMENT.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU HAVE OVER 100 WELLS IN THAT
6 LOCATION. DO YOU KNOW HOW THIS PARTICULAR WELL HAD A LEAK AND
7 WHAT OCCURRED WITH THIS PARTICULAR WELL'S LEAK? COULD THAT
8 OCCUR TO THE OTHER 99 WELLS?

9

10 **JIMMIE CHO:** THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION, MAYOR. WE HAVE, YES,
11 CORRECT, OVER 100 WELLS THAT ARE USED FOR GAS INJECTION,
12 STORAGE AND WITHDRAWAL. AND WE ALSO HAVE A PROGRAM WHERE WE DO
13 REPLACE THE WELLS AS THEY GO THROUGH A LIFE CYCLE. THIS
14 PARTICULAR WELL WAS ACTUALLY LAST INSPECTED OCTOBER OF 2014,
15 WHICH IS PART OF OUR ANNUAL SURVEY AND WAS SCHEDULED,
16 ACTUALLY, RIGHT AROUND THIS TIME TO BE SURVEYED FOR ITS
17 ANNUAL. WE ALSO HAVE IN PLACE AN APPLICATION WITH THE PUBLIC
18 UTILITIES COMMISSION FOR WHAT WE CALL OUR STORAGE INTEGRITY
19 MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. AND IT'S TO REALLY ACCELERATE AND MAKE
20 MORE ROBUST OUR PLANS TO INSPECT AND KEEP UP THE INTEGRITY OF
21 OUR WELLS. WHAT WE ALSO DO IS AS PART OF OUR REPLACEMENT
22 PROGRAM CURRENTLY, TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE, IF WE PERMANENTLY
23 TAKE OUT OF COMMISSION, LET'S SAY, TWO OR THREE WELLS, WE ARE
24 TRYING TO REPLACE THEM WITH ONE WELL, BECAUSE THE NEWER WELLS
25 ARE MORE EFFICIENT. SO THERE'S ALWAYS BEEN AN ONGOING PROCESS

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1 OF LOOKING AT THE LIFE CYCLES, MAINTAINING THEM, SURVEYING
2 THEM, AND THEN WHEN THE APPROPRIATE TIME COMES UP, TO REPLACE
3 THEM.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IS THE PROCESS BURDENSOME TO REPLACE
6 THESE WELLS? I MEAN, THE PAPERWORK THAT YOU HAVE TO DO, IS
7 THERE A SENSE OF URGENCY BY THOSE, LET'S SAY, BY THE PUBLIC
8 UTILITIES COMMISSION AND THE REPLACEMENT OF THESE WELLS?

9

10 **JIMMIE CHO:** JUST TO CLARIFY FOR THE BOARD, THE WELL WORK IS
11 UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE DIVISION OF OIL AND GAS AND
12 GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES. THE APPURTENANCES THAT ARE ABOVE GROUND
13 ARE UNDER THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION. SO APPLICATIONS
14 RELATED TO THE WELL WORK ARE WORKED THROUGH THE DIVISION OF
15 OIL, GAS, AND GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES, KNOWN AS D.O.G.G.R., AND
16 WE HAVE GONE THROUGH THE NORMAL PROCESS. I AM NOT AS FAMILIAR
17 WITH PAST APPLICATIONS. BUT THAT IS THE JURISDICTIONAL PROCESS
18 WE FOLLOW.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HAS THE LEAK CAUSED ANY DISRUPTION IN
21 SERVICE TO THE REGION?

22

23 **JIMMIE CHO:** IT HAS NOT.

24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING POSSIBLE
2 REMEDIES TO ABATE THE ODOR. WHAT REMEDIES ARE YOU LOOKING AT,
3 AND HAVE YOU BRIEFED PUBLIC HEALTH AND A.Q.M.D. ON THESE
4 POSSIBLE REMEDIES?

5

6 **GILLIAN WRIGHT:** I CAN SPEAK TO THAT. THE REMEDY, THE PRIMARY
7 REMEDY THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT TO ABATE THE ODOR IS THE SOLUTION
8 USING A SUBSTANCE CALLED ODEX, WHICH IS A FOOD-GRADE AND
9 BIODEGRADABLE SOLUTION THAT WOULD BE SPRAYED NEAR THE VICINITY
10 OF THE LEAK TO INTERCEPT THE MERCAPTANS. THE WAY IT WORKS IS
11 ACTUALLY THROUGH A CHEMICAL REACTION WHICH BREAKS DOWN THE
12 MERCAPTANS AT A MOLECULAR LEVEL, THUS REMOVING THE ODOR. IT
13 HAS BEEN USED UNDER E.P.A. SUPERVISION AT CIRCUMSTANCES AND
14 SITES LIKE THIS ONE. WE DON'T YET KNOW HOW EFFECTIVE IT MIGHT
15 BE, BECAUSE OF THE DISPERSION OF THE MERCAPTANS AND WE HAVE TO
16 DEPLOY THE EQUIPMENT AT SOME DISTANCE, FOR SAFETY REASONS,
17 FROM THE ACTUAL LEAK. WE'VE NOT YET BEGUN OPERATION OF THIS
18 SYSTEM. AND THE PURPOSE OF THE SYSTEM WOULD BE TO REDUCE THE
19 DISCOMFORT IN THE COMMUNITY FROM THE ODORS. IT'S SOMETHING
20 THAT WE'RE DOING SIMPLY FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND WE CAN STOP IT
21 AT ANY TIME.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MY CONCERN --

24

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1 **GILLIAN WRIGHT:** AND, I'M SORRY, TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, WE
2 DID BRIEF BOTH PUBLIC HEALTH AND A.Q.M.D.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MY CONCERN IS YOU'RE ABSORBING THE
5 TOXIC. AND WHETHER IT SMELLS NICE OR NOT, YOU'RE STILL
6 ABSORBING IT. AND TO ME, IT'S NOT HEALTHY FOR AN INFANT. IT'S
7 NOT HEALTHY FOR ANY AGE LEVEL. BUT, AGAIN, IT'S THE HEALTH
8 FACTS THAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT, NOT HOW IT SMELLS OR DOES IT
9 SMELL. SO THAT'S THE PROBLEM. THE FAMILIES WHO CHOOSE TO
10 RELOCATE, WILL THE GAS COMPANY PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR
11 THEIR STUDENTS TO AND FROM SCHOOL?

12

13 **GILLIAN WRIGHT:** SO FOR THE FAMILIES THAT RELOCATE, WE ARE
14 PROVIDING A REIMBURSEMENT FOR MILEAGE INCURRED BEYOND THEIR
15 NORMAL COMMUTING TIMES. IN ADDITION, WE ARE WORKING WITH
16 L.A.U.S.D. TO HELP ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION FOR THOSE THAT WOULD
17 LIKE TO HAVE TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED TO THE SCHOOLS.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HEARD THE L.A.U.S.D. SAID THAT'S
20 WHAT THEY WANT, WOULD LIKE. SO YOU ARE COMMITTING THAT YOU
21 WILL WORK WITH THEM TO PROVIDE THAT TRANSPORTATION?

22

23 **GILLIAN WRIGHT:** YES.

24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. THE GAS COMPANY AND A.Q.M.D.
2 HAVE CONDUCTED AIR-QUALITY TESTING IN THE RESIDENTIAL
3 NEIGHBORHOODS IN THE AFFECTED AREA. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
4 HAS INDICATED THAT REGULAR TESTING BE CONDUCTED AT A MINIMUM
5 AT LEAST TWICE A WEEK. WHAT KIND OF AIR-QUALITY TESTING HAS
6 BEEN DONE ON THE CAMPUSES OF THE TWO PORTER RANCH SCHOOLS?

7

8 **GILLIAN WRIGHT:** WE HAVE BEEN DOING DAILY TESTING IN FRONT OF
9 EACH OF THE PORTER RANCH SCHOOLS, SO UPWIND OF EACH OF THE
10 PORTER RANCH SCHOOLS, TWICE A DAY, IN THE MORNING AND THE
11 EVENING. DURING TODAY, STARTING TODAY, WE'RE DOING TESTING
12 EVERY HOUR IN ORDER TO GET A FULL DAY'S READING OF THE AIR
13 QUALITY ALL THE WAY THROUGH THE DAY WHEN THE STUDENTS WOULD BE
14 PRESENT, ALTHOUGH THE STUDENTS ARE NOT PRESENT ON THE CAMPUS
15 THIS WEEK.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND THEN THAT INFORMATION WOULD BE
18 GIVEN TO THE DISTRICT SO THEY COULD HAVE IT POSTED?

19

20 **GILLIAN WRIGHT:** YES.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** QUESTIONS? SUPERVISOR KUEHL HAD A
23 QUESTION AND THEN SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

24

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I'D LIKE TO RETURN TO
2 THE QUESTION OF THE GEOLOGY, REALLY, OF THIS TO TRY TO REALLY
3 UNDERSTAND. WHAT WAS IT THAT BROKE, IF ANYTHING, THAT CAUSED
4 THE INITIAL AND CONTINUING LEAK?

5

6 **JIMMIE CHO:** WHAT WE HAVE THOUGHT THROUGH, BECAUSE ONE THING I
7 JUST WANTED TO SHARE WITH THE BOARD IS THAT THIS IS 8500 FEET
8 DEEP, SO WE'RE DOING A LOT OF INTERFERENCE DIAGNOSTICS AND
9 TOOLS. WHAT WE BELIEVE MAY HAVE HAPPENED IS THAT THERE ARE
10 BASICALLY THREE -- TWO CASINGS AND ONE TUBING.

11

12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** TWO CASINGS AND ONE?

13

14 **JIMMIE CHO:** ONE TUBING, ONE PIPE. THIS ONE PIPE IS REALLY THE
15 WELL THAT GOES ALL THE WAY DOWN TO THE STORAGE ZONE.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IS THIS METAL OR COPPER? IS IT A
18 PLASTIC PIPE OR A STEEL PIPE?

19

20 **JIMMIE CHO:** THESE ARE ALL STEEL PIPES

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY.

23

24 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SO WHEN YOU HAVE REFERRED TO A WELL, THE
25 WELL ITSELF, THE SHAFT THAT GOES DOWN TO WHATEVER THE SOURCE

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1 IS THAT WE'RE DRAWING ON, IS ENCASED IN SOMETHING. IS THAT
2 CORRECT?

3

4 **JIMMIE CHO:** YES, IT IS.

5

6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SO, STEEL?

7

8 **JIMMIE CHO:** YES, IT IS.

9

10 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** ALL RIGHT, DOWN TO THE SOURCE.

11

12 **JIMMIE CHO:** YES, THAT IS CORRECT.

13

14 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** OKAY.

15

16 **JIMMIE CHO:** WHAT MAY BE HAPPENING IS THAT THERE IS A LEAK DUE
17 TO PERHAPS A HOLE OR A PERFORATION. SOMETHING MAY HAVE CAUSED
18 THE LOSS OF INTEGRITY IN THE CASING OR THE TUBING THAT IS
19 CAUSING THE GAS TO COME OUT. THAT IS THE INFERENCE FOR NOW.
20 WHAT WE NEED TO DO WHEN THIS IS ALL OVER IS DO A THOROUGH
21 VETTING AND INVESTIGATION OF WHAT'S HAPPENED, WHY IT HAPPENED,
22 AND MAKE SURE THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN.

23

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SO THE FACT THAT YOU CAN'T CONTAIN IT AT
2 THE MOMENT STEMS FROM THE FACT THAT YOU DON'T REALLY KNOW
3 WHERE IT IS OR WHAT CAUSED IT?

4

5 **JIMMIE CHO:** THE FACT THAT WE HAVEN'T STOPPED THE LEAK AT THIS
6 TIME IS WE'VE TAKEN A VERY PROGRESSIVE APPROACH TO THE
7 SEQUENCES OF WHAT IS THE FIRST -- ALMOST LIKE A DIAGNOSIS OF
8 AN AILMENT. WHAT IS THE MOST LIKELY CAUSE, AND IF IT DOESN'T
9 WORK, DOING A DIAGNOSIS AS TO WHY THAT APPROACH DID NOT WORK
10 AND GOING FORTH FOR THE NEXT ONE.

11

12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SO, ESSENTIALLY IT'S GUESSWORK, BECAUSE WE
13 DON'T HAVE A MILE AND A HALF OF CAMERA WIRE?

14

15 **JIMMIE CHO:** CAMERA WIRE IS VERY DIFFICULT, BECAUSE OF FLUIDS
16 RIGHT NOW. THAT IS CORRECT.

17

18 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** IN TERMS OF THE SOURCE ITSELF, WE ARE
19 TALKING ABOUT A LARGE NUMBER OF WELLS, I'M INTERESTED IN THE
20 SORT OF THE STORAGE THAT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT. I KNOW A LOT
21 MORE ABOUT WATER THAN I DO NATURAL GAS. BUT IS IT THE CASE
22 THAT NATURAL GAS IS STORED VERY MUCH THE WAY WE THINK ABOUT
23 GROUND WATER IN SORT OF A RESERVOIR? NOT JUST THE NATURAL AREA
24 OF THE GAS ITSELF, BECAUSE YOU TALKED ABOUT STORAGE, AND I

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1 THINK PUMPING GAS IN FOR STORAGE, IS THAT CORRECT? JUST
2 SPECIFICALLY IN THIS AREA.

3

4 **JIMMIE CHO:** SO, THE GEOLOGY IS LITERALLY A SANDSTONE-TYPE
5 GEOLOGY. SO IF YOU TOOK A SANDSTONE FORMATION, IT LOOKS SOLID,
6 BUT IF YOU WERE TO POUR WATER DROPLETS ON IT, IT WOULD
7 ACTUALLY ABSORB INTO IT BECAUSE OF THE POROSITY. THAT IS THE
8 NATURE OF THE STORAGE ZONE. AND ABOVE THE STORAGE ZONE IS A
9 VERY, VERY TIGHT AND PERMEABLE CAPROCK, AND THAT'S THE NATURAL
10 FORMATION THAT IS UNDERGROUND. SO IT'S WITHIN THE SANDSTONE
11 FORMATION THAT WE STORE THE GAS. HOPEFULLY THAT ANSWERED YOUR
12 QUESTION.

13

14 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WELL, IT DOES, I GUESS. I'M THINKING ABOUT
15 SORT OF AN ENDLESS SOURCE OF NATURAL GAS IF THE LEAK IS NOT
16 CONTAINED. IT'S AN ENTIRE STORAGE AREA OR IT'S AN ENTIRE AREA
17 OUT OF WHICH WE'RE DRAWING NATURAL GAS BUT REPLENISHING IT IN
18 SOME WAYS FOR STORAGE? I CAN'T THINK ABOUT HOW THIS CAPACITY
19 KIND OF WORKS. BUT IF YOU DO NOT FIND AND CONTAIN THE PLACE
20 THAT CAUSED THE LEAK, THIS COULD GO ON FOR CENTURIES, RIGHT?

21

22 **JIMMIE CHO:** NO, THAT IS NOT THE CASE.

23

24 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** OKAY.

25

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1 **JIMMIE CHO:** THE ZONE HAS A LIMITED CAPACITY. WHAT'S IN THE
2 GROUND IS THE GAS WE ACTUALLY PUT IN THE GROUND.

3

4 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SO, IT'S NOT THE NATURAL SOURCE OF THE GAS
5 ITSELF? THIS IS A STORAGE AREA? AND IS THAT WHAT IS LEAKING
6 THROUGH WHAT HAS BROKEN IN THIS WELL?

7

8 **JIMMIE CHO:** SO, THE STORAGE AREA WAS ONCE A RESERVOIR THAT WAS
9 NATURAL. ONCE IT WAS PRODUCED DECADES AGO, THE UTILITY TOOK IT
10 ON AS A STORAGE ASSET.

11

12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** BUT IT'S NATURAL? IT'S NOT REALLY LINED?

13

14 **JIMMIE CHO:** IT IS COMPLETELY NATURAL. THERE'S NO TANKS.
15 THERE'S NO CAVERNS. THERE'S NATURAL ROCK. THE GAS THAT IS
16 THERE CURRENTLY IS GAS THAT WE HAVE PUT IN THE GROUND ON
17 BEHALF OF THE CUSTOMERS TO MEET PEAK SHAVING NEEDS.

18

19 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** HOW MANY OUTLETS ARE THERE TO THAT
20 RESERVOIR?

21

22 **JIMMIE CHO:** I'M SORRY?

23

24 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** HOW MANY OUTLETS ARE THERE TO THAT
25 RESERVOIR? HOW MANY WELLS? HOW MANY SHAFTS?

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1

2 **JIMMIE CHO:** I BELIEVE WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY 115 GAS INJECTION
3 AND WITHDRAWAL WELLS.

4

5 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** IN THAT SPECIFIC RESERVOIR OR FROM IT?

6

7 **JIMMIE CHO:** AT THAT STORAGE FACILITY, THAT'S CORRECT,
8 SUPERVISOR.

9

10 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WHAT WAS IT THAT LED YOU ORIGINALLY TO
11 THINK THAT THE BREACH COULD BE CONTAINED IN TWO OR THREE DAYS?

12

13 **JIMMIE CHO:** THE TRADITIONAL WAY TO STOP THE LEAK IS TO PUT IN
14 FLUID, A BRINE SOLUTION. AND AT SOME POINT THERE'S ENOUGH OF A
15 HEAD OR ELEVATION OF THAT FLUID TO OVERCOME THE PRESSURE OF
16 THE GAS THAT'S PUSHING UP. AND IT'S VERY STANDARD PRACTICE TO
17 STOP THE LEAK OR TO PUT A WELL OUT OF COMMISSION. THERE IS NO
18 REASON FOR US TO SUSPECT OTHERWISE IN THIS CASE, AND SO WE'VE
19 MADE MULTIPLE ATTEMPTS, AND EACH SEQUENCE, EACH APPLICATION,
20 HAS LOOKED TO BE MORE AGGRESSIVE. AND THE REASON WE'RE VERY
21 THOUGHTFUL ABOUT THIS IS THAT WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE
22 USING THE RIGHT APPLICATION FOR THE ISSUE AT HAND. SO AS AN
23 EXAMPLE, THE LAST TIME WE DID THIS, WE USED A MUCH HEAVIER
24 FLUID. IT'S CALLED BARITE.

25

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** BUT THE FLUID, ARE YOU SAYING IT HAS TO
2 RISE TO A LEVEL THAT IT ALLEVIATES THE PRESSURE? OR HOW DOES
3 IT WORK? I'M PICTURING A WELL THAT'S GOING RIGHT INTO THIS
4 RESERVOIR FOR NATURAL GAS. HOW DOES THE FLUID ADDITION WORK,
5 THEN, TO TRADITIONALLY SEAL THE LEAK?

6

7 **JIMMIE CHO:** IF I HAD A STRAW OF BOBA GOING UP TO THE SKY, AT
8 SOME POINT THERE WOULD BE A POINT AT WHICH I REALLY WOULD NOT
9 BE ABLE TO PUSH THE WATER ANYMORE. MY LUNG CAPACITY WOULD NOT
10 HAVE THAT. SO, IN THAT CONTEXT, ALSO GILLIAN JUST SHOWED ME,
11 IN OUR PACKETS, WE HAVE A DIAGRAM THAT TALKS ABOUT THE
12 OPERATION. BUT IT REALLY IS COMING TO A POINT AT WHICH THE
13 WATER IS SO HEAVY THAT IT'S PREVENTING THE GAS FROM COMING UP.

14

15 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** BUT IT ISN'T WORKING?

16

17 **JIMMIE CHO:** IT HAS NOT WORKED, THE METHODS WE HAD PREVIOUSLY
18 USED, AND SO WE'RE USING DIFFERENT SOLUTIONS THAT ARE HEAVIER.
19 THAT IS CORRECT.

20

21 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN FOCUSING REALLY ON THE
22 MITIGATIONS. AND THAT'S APPROPRIATE, OBVIOUSLY. WE CARE ABOUT
23 OUR RESIDENTS, WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THEM. I REALLY ALSO WANT TO
24 UNDERSTAND THE ATTEMPTS THAT ARE MADE TO STOP THIS AND WHY
25 THEY ARE NOT SUCCEEDING. AND IF THERE IS SOME OTHER WAY, SOME

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1 OTHER TECHNOLOGY, SOME OTHER BEST PRACTICE, SOME OTHER
2 COUNTRY, SOMEBODY THAT MIGHT BE ABLE TO, HOW SHALL I PUT IT,
3 ASSIST YOU IN ENDING THIS LEAK, BECAUSE IT SEEMS AS THOUGH --
4 UNDERSTAND THERE IS EXPERTISE IN THE GAS COMPANY, BUT IT
5 DOESN'T SEEM TO BE WORKING.

6

7 **JIMMIE CHO:** I'M NOT AT LIBERTY TO MENTION THE NAME, BUT IT HAS
8 BEEN MENTIONED UP HERE, OF THE CONSULTANT AND CONTRACTOR
9 WORKING WITH US. WHAT I WILL SAY IS THEY ARE ONE OF THE
10 WORLD'S EXPERTS. AND WE'RE ALSO VERY OPEN TO WORKING AND
11 RECEIVING INPUT FROM AGENCIES, INCLUDING D.O.G.G.R. AND
12 OTHERS. SO WE ARE COOPERATING AND OPEN TO OTHERS' ASSISTING.

13

14 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WELL THIS DOES GIVE US A LITTLE LESS
15 CONFIDENCE IN THE TECHNOLOGY, I HAVE TO SAY. THANK YOU, MR.
16 MAYOR.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. GLAD THAT WE HAVE THE DEPARTMENT
21 OF PUBLIC WORKS HERE, BECAUSE I WANT TO UNDERSTAND THE METHODS
22 USED TO CONTAIN THIS CURRENTLY THAT MAY NOT BE WORKING,
23 BECAUSE I'M LOOKING AT THE CONCEPT AND THINKING FRACKING. CAN
24 YOU GO INTO AN EXPLANATION OF WHAT'S WORKING AND WHO WE'RE
25 CONSULTING WITH IN TERMS OF OUR REGULATORY AGENCIES AND WHAT

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1 ROLE THEY MAY BE PLAYING HERE TO HELP US BETTER UNDERSTAND
2 THIS?

3

4 **DENNIS HUNTER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, DENNIS HUNTER, DEPUTY
5 DIRECTOR WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I'M NOT AWARE
6 THAT THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS IS DOING ANY FRACKING
7 ACTIVITIES AT THE ALISO CANYON FACILITY. IF THERE IS A
8 REPRESENTATIVE FROM D.O.G.G.R. IN THE AUDIENCE, THEY WOULD BE
9 THE REGULATORY AGENCY THAT WOULD OVERSEE THOSE ACTIVITIES, AND
10 I THINK THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO ELABORATE AND PROVIDE MORE
11 SPECIFICITY WITH REGARDS TO THE QUESTION ON FRACKING.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** ONE OF THE ISSUES, I THINK, THAT WAS JUST
14 EXPLAINED BY QUESTIONING BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL WAS THAT
15 OBVIOUSLY THE METHODS THAT ARE BEING USED ARE SIMILAR TO
16 FRACKING, BECAUSE YOU'RE INJECTING A SUBSTANCE, ONLY IT'S NOT
17 WATER IN THIS MANNER. I MEAN, I'M JUST TRYING TO
18 HYPOTHETICALLY FIGURE OUT HOW THIS WORKS. BUT THAT ISN'T
19 WORKING. SO I'M JUST WONDERING IF THAT'S CREATING SOME OTHER
20 OUTCOME THAT IS A RESULT OF THIS AND WHAT THAT MIGHT MEAN AND
21 WHAT REALLY THE SCIENCE IS, IF WE KNOW THAT, AND IF WE DON'T
22 KNOW IT, FINE, BUT THEN WE NEED TO BRING IN INDIVIDUALS THAT
23 CAN HELP US UNDERSTAND THAT BETTER. OBVIOUSLY THERE'S A LOT OF
24 VERY POROUS AREA, AND IF THIS IS A NATURAL RESERVOIR THAT WAS
25 USED, I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT OBVIOUSLY MOVING FORWARD, THERE'S

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1 LESSONS TO BE LEARNED FROM THIS. SO IF YOU WANT TO SAY
2 SOMETHING, I HAVE ONE MORE QUESTION.

3

4 **JIMMIE CHO:** YES, SUPERVISOR, I WANT TO BE VERY CLEAR. WE ARE
5 NOT FRACKING. AND WHAT I DESCRIBED IS DEFINITELY NOT FRACKING.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO THE PRESSURE THAT'S COMING IN, THOUGH,
8 WITH THIS SUBSTANCE, HOW DOES THAT WORK TO CONTAIN THE METHANE
9 OR GAS?

10

11 **JIMMIE CHO:** VERY SIMPLY THE GAS IS TRYING TO PUSH IT'S WAY --
12 IT IS PUSHING ITS WAY UP TO THE SURFACE. AND WE'RE TRYING TO
13 CREATE WATER AS A HEAVY WEIGHT, LITERALLY, TO GET TO ENOUGH OF
14 A HEIGHT THAT THAT WEIGHT OF THE WATER, BECAUSE WATER IS
15 EXTREMELY HEAVY, IS HEAVY ENOUGH TO KEEP THE GAS FROM PUSHING
16 AGAINST IT. THAT'S WHAT WE'RE REALLY AFTER.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND OF COURSE, WE'RE NOT BEING SUCCESSFUL.

19

20 **JIMMIE CHO:** WE'RE USING DIFFERENT APPLICATIONS.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND WE'RE NOT BEING SUCCESSFUL. OKAY. MY
23 OTHER QUESTION HAS TO DO WITH THE SCHOOL, THE NEIGHBORING
24 COMMUNITIES, AND LOOKING AT THE STUDENT POPULATION, I KNOW WE
25 HAVE A LOT OF IMMIGRANT FAMILIES THERE. AND I'M WONDERING WHAT

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1 KIND OF OUTREACH YOU'RE DOING, SINCE HALF OF THE -- AT LEAST
2 AT ONE OF THE SCHOOL POPULATION IS ASIAN-PACIFIC- ISLANDER AND
3 HISPANIC. AND I KNOW THAT THAT'S BEEN ALWAYS A CHALLENGE TO
4 GET INFORMATION TO THE HOUSEHOLDS. SO IF YOU COULD GO OVER
5 THAT, WHAT KIND OF EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE?

6

7 **GILLIAN WRIGHT:** ABSOLUTELY. SO I DID NOT MENTION WE HAVE
8 TRANSLATED EACH OF OUR LETTERS INTO SPANISH, KOREAN AND
9 ARMENIAN, IN ADDITION TO SUBMITTING THEM IN ENGLISH. AND WE
10 PROVIDE TRANSLATIONS IN THOSE LANGUAGES ON THE WEBSITE, AS
11 WELL. FOR CONTACT, WE HAVE USED BOTH DIRECT MAIL AS WELL AS
12 EMAIL, THE WEBSITE, AND CALLS. WE HAVE HAD VERY LITTLE
13 RESPONSE INDICATING ANY ISSUES AROUND LANGUAGE AWARENESS, BUT
14 WE CERTAINLY CAN LOOK AT EXPANDING AND LOOKING AT WHETHER
15 OTHER COMMUNITY GROUPS CAN ASSIST US TO REACH THOSE LANGUAGE
16 GROUPS.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO MIGHT YOU UNDERTAKE AN EFFORT JUST TO
19 HAVE REPRESENTATIVES WHO SPEAK THAT LANGUAGE TO GO TO THE
20 SCHOOLS AND REACH OUT TO THE PARENTS? BECAUSE, I MEAN, YOU CAN
21 SEND AS MUCH MAIL AS YOU LIKE, AND EMAILS GALORE, BUT PEOPLE
22 DON'T ALWAYS RESPOND UNLESS IT'S PRESENTED TO THEM IN A
23 CULTURALLY SENSITIVE MANNER. I'M JUST SAYING THAT FROM PRIOR
24 EXPERIENCE. I KNOW YOU ALL KNOW HOW TO DO THIS. SO IT'S NOT

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1 REINVENTING ANYTHING. BUT JUST ASKING, CAN YOU TAKE IT A STEP
2 FURTHER TO UNDERTAKE SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

3

4 **GILLIAN WRIGHT:** THANK YOU, YES. WE ARE WORKING DIRECTLY WITH
5 LAUSD AND THE PEOPLE AT THE SCHOOL. AND ONE OF THE SUGGESTIONS
6 WE HAVE RECEIVED AND WE'LL BEGIN IMPLEMENTING NEXT WEEK IS TO
7 SHARE OUR COMMUNICATION MATERIALS FOR DISTRIBUTION THROUGH THE
8 DISTRICT AND THE SCHOOL, BECAUSE THAT IS A CHANNEL WHERE
9 PARENTS LOOK FOR INFORMATION. AND WE WILL MAKE THE SPECIFIC
10 SUGGESTION TO LOOK FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE IMMIGRANT GROUPS
11 TO HELP ASSIST US WITH THOSE COMMUNICATIONS.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? WE HAVE PUBLIC
14 COMMENT. SUPERVISOR KNABE?

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS INDICATED. WHAT HAS BEEN THE
17 OUTREACH AS IT RELATES DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOLS? I MEAN ANY
18 OUTDOOR KINDS OF ACTIVITIES, HAS THAT BEEN COMMUNICATED
19 THROUGH OUR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT OR THROUGH YOU ALL? WHERE
20 ARE WE ON THAT?

21

22 **GILLIAN WRIGHT:** AS FAR AS OUR OUTREACH, WE HAVE BEEN
23 COMMUNICATING REGULARLY WITH THE PRINCIPALS AT THE SCHOOLS
24 SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE WEEK. WE MEET WITH THEM AT LEAST
25 WEEKLY AND ANYTIME THERE IS ANY ISSUE OR CONCERN OR CHANGE IN

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1 ACTIVITIES THAT WE THINK THEY SHOULD BE AWARE OF. REGARDING
2 OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, WE HAVE BEEN MEETING WITH THE SCHOOL
3 DISTRICT AND MADE THE OFFERING TO ASSIST IN PROVIDING AND
4 SUPPORTING ADDITIONAL INDOOR ACTIVITIES FOR THOSE STUDENTS WHO
5 ARE NOT COMFORTABLE BEING OUTSIDE. AS NOTED BY PUBLIC HEALTH,
6 IT IS SAFE TO BE OUTDOORS, BUT IT MAY BE UNCOMFORTABLE FOR
7 SOME PEOPLE WITH SENSITIVITIES TO ODORS. AND FOR THOSE PEOPLE,
8 WE'D LIKE TO ASSIST IN MAKING THINGS MORE COMFORTABLE AND
9 ENJOYABLE.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME CALL UP PATRICK
14 POPE, MATT PAKUCKO, KATHY KNIGHT, KYOKO HIBINO.

15

16 **MATT PAKUCKO:** ME GO FIRST? HI, MY NAME IS MATT PAKUCKO, I'M
17 THE PRESIDENT OF A NONPROFIT CALLED SAVE PORTER RANCH. WE'VE
18 BEEN AROUND FOR A YEAR AND A HALF AND RECENTLY INCORPORATED
19 WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. WE ARE HERE, SEVERAL OF US, OUR
20 BOARD MEMBERS ARE HERE REPRESENTING THE RESIDENTS. AND I'M
21 SURE MANY OF THE RESIDENTS WILL ATTEST TO THAT. AND I JUST
22 WANT TO CLARIFY SOMETHING EARLIER. IT WAS ACTUALLY SAVE PORTER
23 RANCH AND OUR NETWORK THAT BROUGHT THIS STUFF TO THE PUBLIC'S
24 ATTENTION, NOT ANYBODY ELSE. IT CERTAINLY WAS NOT SEMPER WITH
25 ALL DUE RESPECT, IT WAS NOT L.A. COUNTY NOR THE HEALTH

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1 DEPARTMENT. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO THE RELATIVELY LOW TURNOUT
2 FROM PORTER RANCH RESIDENTS HERE TODAY. THEIR LIVES HAVE BEEN
3 TURNED UPSIDE DOWN THIS LAST MONTH. AND IT SEEMS TO BE GETTING
4 WORSE. SO PEOPLE ARE SICK. THEIR KIDS ARE SICK. THEY'VE BEEN
5 GOING THROUGH THIS FOR A MONTH. PEOPLE HAVE BEEN RELOCATED. IF
6 THEY COULDN'T TAKE MORE TIME OFF AND COME ALL THE WAY DOWNTOWN
7 ON SHORT NOTICE TO BE HERE, THIS IS NOT ANY INDICATION ABOUT
8 THAT THIS PROBLEM IS ANYTHING BUT HUGE. I'M SURE YOU
9 UNDERSTAND THAT. SO WE KEEP HEARING OVER AND OVER AGAIN FROM
10 EVERYONE, SEMPRA, THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THAT THERE'S NO LONG-
11 TERM HEALTH EFFECTS FROM THIS. I'VE NOT SEEN ANY DOCUMENTS OR
12 STUDY OR HEALTH STUDY TO THAT EFFECT. SO BEFORE YOU KEEP
13 SAYING THERE'S NO LONG-TERM HEALTH EFFECTS, BRING THOSE
14 DOCUMENTS. OTHERWISE WE'LL THANK YOU FOR YOUR OPINION. NOW,
15 SEMPRA, YOU'VE LIED TO US ABOUT THIS LEAK FOR THE BEGINNING.
16 YOU DENIED THE LEAK. THEN YOU SAID A FEW DAYS, A FEW WEEKS, A
17 FEW MONTHS TO FIX IT. OVER AND OVER AGAIN YOU AND THE HEALTH
18 DEPARTMENT SAY THERE'S GOING TO BE NO HEALTH IMPACTS. YET THAT
19 HAS BEEN DISPROVEN FOR THE PAST MONTH BY FACTS ON THE GROUND
20 THAT RESIDENTS ARE GOING THROUGH AND AGAIN BY THE HEALTH
21 DEPARTMENT WITH THEIR RELOCATION ORDER. SO MORE MISINFORMATION
22 FROM SEMPRA, AND WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, FROM THE HEALTH
23 DEPARTMENT, BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT OF SICK PEOPLE EVEN THOUGH
24 YOU SAY THEY'RE NOT GOING TO GET SICK. OKAY, SEMPRA, YOU TEST
25 THE AIR IN THE RESIDENTIAL AREAS. IT LOOKS LIKE ABOUT TWICE A

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1 DAY AND NOT AT NIGHT, ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS WE'VE LOOKED
2 AT. IT'S WORSE AT NIGHT. THE WINDS BLOW NORTH TO SOUTH AND
3 BLOW THAT STUFF AT NIGHT MOSTLY IN PORTER RANCH. THAT'S
4 TYPICAL.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO CONCLUDE YOUR
7 TESTIMONY. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES. WE WILL ALSO ASK THE HEALTH
8 DEPARTMENT FOR THOSE STUDIES, BUT THEY DID INDICATE THAT
9 PEOPLE WERE HAVING THOSE EFFECTS. I QUESTIONED THAT, AS WELL,
10 AS THE BOARD DOES.

11

12 **MATT PAKUCKO:** I'LL CUT TO THE CHASE ABOUT THE ODEX DEODORANT.
13 THERE'S A LOT OF MISINFORMATION COMING ABOUT PEOPLE'S HEALTH
14 ISSUES. NOW ODEX IS GOING TO ADD SOME NEW CHEMICAL REACTION IN
15 THE AIR TO SPRAY ON PORTER RANCH RESIDENTS. ARE YOU SERIOUS?
16 HEALTH DEPARTMENT EVEN MENTIONED THAT THEY'RE NOT SURE WHAT
17 THAT REACTION MIGHT BE. AND ISN'T REMOVING THE MARKER, THAT
18 ODORANT, A VIOLATION? ISN'T THERE REGULATIONS THAT THAT GAS
19 HAS TO BE ODORIZED? SO WE'RE NOT YOUR GUINEA PIGS.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY, GO TO THE NEXT PERSON. BUT I
22 WOULD LIKE A COPY OF YOUR TESTIMONY, TOO, IF YOU HAVE IT, OR
23 PRINT IT OUT AND SEND IT TO US. WE'D APPRECIATE THAT. YES,
24 MA'AM.

25

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1 **KATHY KNIGHT:** MY NAME IS KATHY KNIGHT. I HADN'T PLANNED TO
2 TALK ON THIS TODAY. I CAME FOR SOMETHING ELSE, BUT BECAUSE I
3 WORKED FOR 15 YEARS ABOUT THE GAS LEAK, SOCAL GAS LEAK AT
4 PLAYA VISTA NEAR PLAYA DEL REY, I THOUGHT MAYBE I COULD SHARE
5 SOME INFORMATION. I WORKED WITH AN EXPERT, DR. BERNARD ANDRES
6 AND GRASSROOTS COALITION. AND WE HEARD FROM PEOPLE THAT THERE
7 WAS GAS LEAKS AT NIGHT. AND WE TRIED TO GET HELP. AND WE WERE
8 TOLD NO, YOU'RE JUST A BUNCH OF ECO-LOONIES AND, YOU KNOW,
9 WHATEVER, YOU JUST WANT TO SAVE THE LAND FOR THE WETLANDS. SO
10 WE KEPT GOING AND WE FILMED THE GAS, THE BUBBLES COMING OUT OF
11 CENTINELA CREEK. THEY FINALLY LISTENED TO US. AND WHAT I
12 LEARNED FROM ALL OF THIS IS THAT FIRST OF ALL, H₂O. CAN COME
13 OUT OF AREAS WHERE THERE'S BEEN GAS FIELDS BEFORE. AND THAT'S
14 HYDROGEN SULFIDE. THAT CAN CAUSE PERMANENT BRAIN DAMAGE. IT
15 SMELLS LIKE ROTTEN EGGS. AND I READ THAT IN THE L.A. TIMES
16 TODAY, SOMETHING ABOUT THAT, OR YESTERDAY'S L.A. TIMES. THAT'S
17 WHY I'M COMING UP HERE TO TALK TODAY, TO MENTION THAT THAT'S
18 REALLY IMPORTANT, TO LEARN ABOUT ALL THESE DIFFERENT ELEMENTS
19 THAT CAN COME UP WITH THE METHANE. AND THE FAIRFAX EXPLOSION.
20 AN EMPLOYEE PUT THEIR TIME CARD INTO A MACHINE AND THAT CAUSED
21 THE FAIRFAX EXPLOSION. AND IT IS SERIOUS ABOUT THAT. AND THE
22 FIRE DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE ALERTED. AND BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL, WE
23 SPENT A LOT OF TIME WORKING ON THAT. KIDS WOULD COME UP TO US
24 AND SAY, YEAH, MY WHOLE FAMILY THROWS UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE
25 NIGHT, YOU KNOW, SOMETIMES. AND NOBODY WAS TAKING IT

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1 SERIOUSLY. SO WE WENT TO BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL AND TRIED TO GET
2 THAT DONE PROPERLY. AND I WISH THAT OUR INDEPENDENT EXPERT
3 WERE AVAILABLE TODAY, BUT HE DIED FROM EXPOSURE TO ALL THE
4 INVESTIGATIONS HE DID, CANCER PROBLEMS. I UNDERSTAND THE
5 PROBLEMS OF THE GAS COMPANIES TO GIVE US GAS, TO BRING US GAS.
6 WE DON'T THINK ABOUT IT. EVERY TIME WE TURN ON OUR STOVE, OUR
7 WATER HEATER, WHATEVER. WHERE ARE WE GETTING THIS GAS FROM?
8 AND I UNDERSTAND IT'S A PROBLEM FOR THEM. BUT ALSO, YOU NEED
9 TO HAVE REALLY INDEPENDENT PEOPLE DOING INVESTIGATIONS. THANK
10 YOU.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP CAMERON
13 MICHAELS AND MICHELLE THERIAULT. YES, MA'AM.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** I'M A RESIDENT IN PORTER RANCH FROM THIS GAS LEAK. I
16 HAVE BEEN SUFFERING HEADACHE, DIZZINESS, SHORTNESS OF BREATH,
17 AND PRESSURE OF MY CHEST, BURNING CHEST AND BURNING LIPS AND
18 SEVERE DEHYDRATION, NOSEBLEED AND OTHER HEALTH ISSUES
19 ASSOCIATED WITH THESE SYMPTOMS. MY CAT EVEN HAVE VOMITING AND
20 HAD A NOSEBLEED A COUPLE DAYS AGO. WE HAVE AN OVERWHELMING
21 NUMBER OF RESIDENTS BECOMING SICK IN PORTER RANCH AREA THAT I
22 KNOW. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD OVER AND OVER AND OVER AGAIN THAT FROM
23 GAS COMPANY AND ALL GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES THAT THERE IS NO
24 LONG-TERM HEALTH EFFECTS FROM ALL CHEMICALS WE HAVE BEEN
25 BREATHING. IT HAS BEEN ONE MONTH, AND NOW IT IS MAYBE A FEW

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1 MONTHS TO STOP THE LEAK, OR IT MAY NEVER STOP. THAT MEANS WE
2 WILL HAVE HEALTH ISSUES FOR ANOTHER FEW MONTHS OR LONGER? IT
3 IS VERY HARD TO BELIEVE THAT THERE IS NO HEALTH EFFECTS WHILE
4 EVERYONE SUFFERING FOR MONTHS OR A FEW MONTHS. IT IS A LONG
5 TIME. WHAT INFORMATION IS USED TO SAY THERE IS NO LONG-TERM
6 HEALTH EFFECTS? WHAT IS THE DATA THAT LEADS TO BE USED TO SAY
7 THERE IS NO HEALTH EFFECT? ALSO, WHAT IS SPRAYED TO ELIMINATE
8 THE ODOR? COVERING UP THE ODOR IS NOT THE MITIGATION PLAN. IT
9 IS JUST THE COVER-UP. I'M NOT JUST BREATHING THE MERCAPTANS. I
10 ASK COMPLETE INVESTIGATION OF THE LEAK WITH DATA AND A
11 COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF LONG-TERM HEALTH EFFECTS CAUSED BY GAS,
12 OR MERCAPTAN, OILY MIST, OR CHEMICALS FOUND DURING THIS LEAK.
13 NOW WE SEE HEALTH IMPACTS ON THE COMMUNITY FROM THIS LEAK, A
14 COMMUNITY WHICH HAS STRONG WINDS AND COMPLICATED GEOLOGY. WE
15 HAVE MORE THAN 250 ACTIVE AND INACTIVE WELLS IN THE HILLS
16 WHICH IS MORE THAN 40 YEARS OLD. HOW CAN WE ASSURE THAT THERE
17 IS NO MORE LEAKS NOR ACCIDENTS IN THE FUTURE?

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MA'AM.
20 APPRECIATE THAT. ALSO WALKER FOLEY. WALKER FOLEY. YES, SIR.

21

22 **WALKER FOLEY:** I'M WALKER FOLEY. SOCAL ORGANIZER WITH FOOD AND
23 WATER WATCH, AND WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THE RESIDENTS OF
24 PORTER RANCH FOR A LITTLE OVER A YEAR JUST ON LOGISTICS OF
25 ORGANIZING AND THINGS LIKE THAT. I'M ACTUALLY LOOKING AT THE

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1 CHEMICAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS FOR ODEX RIGHT NOW. ANOTHER AREA
2 OF MY SPECIALTY IS WITH ANTIMICROBIALS AND ANTIBIOTICS. AND
3 LOOKING AT THESE CHEMICAL DATA SAFETY SHEETS AND HAVING
4 CONSULTED WITH DR. DAVID HOCKNEY, INFECTIOUS DISEASE
5 SPECIALIST IN THE UCLA HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, I HAVE TO WONDER.
6 FIRST OF ALL, ODEX IS AN ANTIBACTERIAL. IT'S ALSO A SKIN AND
7 EYE IRRITANT. AND THEN THE OTHER THING THAT NEEDS TO BE
8 CONSIDERED WITH THIS CHEMICAL IS SPRAYING ANTIBACTERIALS AND
9 ANTIBIOTICS NEAR SENSITIVE RECEPTORS INCREASES OR HAS THE
10 POTENTIAL TO INCREASE HERD RESISTANCE TO THESE ANTIBIOTICS. SO
11 WE COULD BE LOOKING AT, YEARS OUT, WHOLE OTHER COMPLICATIONS
12 OF HEALTH FROM THIS SITUATION. AND IF THE USE OF THIS CHEMICAL
13 IS JUST TO MASK A SMELL AND ACTUALLY NOT TO AMELIORATE ANY OF
14 THE CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY, I QUESTION THE METHOD AT ALL.
15 WHY SHOULDN'T THE COMMUNITY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SMELL WHEN
16 THEY'RE BEING EXPOSED TO TOXIC CHEMICALS? IT'S RIDICULOUS. I
17 STAND WITH THE RESIDENTS IN DEMANDING A FULL INVESTIGATION OF
18 SOCAL GAS, NOT JUST OF THIS LEAK BUT ALSO OF THEIR MISCONDUCT
19 AND MISLEADING OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS IN HOW THEY'VE
20 HANDLED THIS SITUATION. I THINK THEIR APOLOGIES ARE ALL BUT
21 EMPTY, AND I SUPPORT THE RESIDENTS IN THEIR DEMAND FOR A FULL,
22 INDEPENDENT HEALTH ASSESSMENT, BECAUSE IF ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS
23 TAKE THE GAS COMPANY'S WORD ON WHETHER THESE FOLKS ARE BEING
24 EXPOSED TO LONG-TERM HEALTH RISKS, THEN I SAY WE'RE TRUSTING
25 THE WRONG PEOPLE. THEY'VE TIME AND TIME AGAIN, SINCE THIS

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1 OCCURRED ON OCTOBER 23RD, PROVED THEMSELVES TO BE THE LEAST
2 TRUSTWORTHY IN THIS SITUATION, AND THAT IS ALL I HAVE TO SAY.
3 THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
6 ALEXANDRA NAGY. YES, MA'AM. YES.

7

8 **MICHELE THERIAULT:** HI, I'M MICHELLE THERIAULT. THANK YOU FOR
9 HAVING EVERYONE HERE TODAY TO DISCUSS THIS. I'M A CONCERNED
10 COMMUNITY MEMBER AND A PARENT IN THE PORTER RANCH AREA. I DO
11 NOT BELIEVE IT IS ACCEPTABLE FOR SOCAL GAS TO TAKE ANOTHER SIX
12 TO SEVEN YEARS TO INSPECT ALL OF THEIR EXISTING 100-PLUS
13 WELLS. THAT'S WHAT THEY INFORMED US OF A COUPLE WEEKS AGO AT
14 THE PORTER RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING. MANY OF THOSE
15 WELLS ARE OVER 50 YEARS OLD. MAYBE THEY SHOULD BE SHUT DOWN
16 UNTIL THEY CAN BE INSPECTED AND REPAIRED IF NECESSARY. OUR
17 LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUP, SAVE PORTER RANCH, WAS FORMED A YEAR
18 AND A HALF AGO TO DEMAND AN E.I.R. BEFORE MORE OIL DRILLING
19 WAS ALLOWED IN OUR HILLS THAT ARE LOCATED IN A DESIGNATED
20 SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREA AS WELL AS A DESIGNATED VERY-HIGH
21 FIRE-HAZARD-SEVERITY ZONE. A MAJOR CONCERN OF SAVE PORTER
22 RANCH ALL ALONG HAS BEEN THE POTENTIAL FOR ANY TYPE OF
23 ACCIDENT THAT COULD OCCUR IN OUR HILLS THAT COULD HAVE ANY
24 TYPE OF NEGATIVE IMPACT ON US, ON OUR HEALTH, ON OUR CHILDREN,
25 AND ON OUR PROPERTY VALUES. THE COUNTY NEEDS TO CONSIDER THIS

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1 IN THE E.I.R. FOR TERMO OIL. WE DON'T NEED ANY NEW OIL OR GAS
2 WELLS ALLOWED IN OUR HILLS, RIGHT NEXT TO OUR HOMES, PARKS,
3 AND SCHOOLS. SOCAL GAS, STOP SAYING METHANE NATURALLY
4 DISSIPATES INTO THE AIR. I CRINGE EVERY TIME I HEAR THIS.
5 YOU'RE IMPLYING THERE'S NO HARM FROM THE METHANE, BUT YOU KNOW
6 PERFECTLY WELL THE DAMAGE IT IS DOING. YOU KNOW IT'S A MAJOR
7 GREENHOUSE GAS CONTRIBUTING TO OUR GLOBAL WARMING. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. YES, SIR.

10

11 **CAMERON MICHAELS:** HELLO. MY NAME IS CAMERON MICHAELS. I AM A
12 FIFTH GRADER AT CASTLEBAY LANE CHARTER IN PORTER RANCH. MY
13 SCHOOL SMELLS THE GAS. WE ARE FORCED TO BE INSIDE. I WAKE UP
14 WITH BLOODY NOSES AND HAVE TERRIBLE HEADACHES. NOW I'M TOLD
15 IT'S GOING TO BE ANOTHER 90 DAYS. IT'S NOT OKAY. THIS MAKE-IT-
16 UP-AS-YOU-GO RESPONSE IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE AND THE EXACT
17 REASON PORTER RANCH DOESN'T WANT ANY MORE TERMO WELLS. SAVE
18 PORTER RANCH.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] LET ME ALSO
21 CALL UP DARYL GALE, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. YES, SIR.

22

23 **PATRICK POPE:** HI. I'M PATRICK POPE. I'M THE VICE PRESIDENT OF
24 THE PORTER RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO
25 THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, AND YOUR STAFF FOR ALL THE WORK YOU'VE

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1 DONE IN HELPING US IN GETTING ALL THESE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO
2 COME TO BEAR ON THE GAS COMPANY. WHEN I HEARD 2.4 MILLION
3 GALLONS OF METHANE TODAY, I CRINGE AT THAT. THAT'S A VERY
4 STRONG METHANE GAS OR A GREENHOUSE GAS. MY BIGGEST CONCERN IS,
5 YOU KNOW, I KNOW THE GAS COMPANY WILL FIX THIS EVENTUALLY, BUT
6 THERE ARE OVER 110 WELLS AND MANY, MANY OF THEM ARE 50, 60
7 YEARS OLD, BUILT TO EXTRACT OIL FROM THE GROUND, NOT TO BE
8 RECIRCULATING UP AND DOWN, BRINGING UP SAND AND OTHER
9 CHEMICALS, WHICH IS CAUSING THE WELLS TO ERODE. I THINK THERE
10 MUST BE MUCH MORE VIGOROUS INSPECTION OF ALL OF THE EXISTING
11 WELLS, AND THE WELLS THAT ARE OLD NEED TO BE TAKEN OUT OF
12 SERVICE. THERE'S BEEN TWO MAJOR EARTHQUAKES SINCE MOST OF
13 THESE WELLS HAVE BEEN DUG, AND THERE'S GOT TO BE CRACKING IN
14 THE CASINGS. AND APPARENTLY THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED HERE. THERE'S
15 CRACKS IN THE CASINGS. AND HOW MANY OTHER WELLS ARE THERE THAT
16 HAVE THAT PARTICULAR PROBLEM, WHICH THE GAS COMPANY JUST SAID
17 IS IMPOSSIBLE TO GET A CAMERA DOWN THE WELL. SO THAT WOULD BE
18 MY BIGGEST CONCERN. THEY'RE BRINGING ON BRAND NEW COMPRESSORS
19 IN A COUPLE OF YEARS. THOSE COMPRESSORS WILL BE MORE EFFICIENT
20 THAN THE OLD COMPRESSORS THAT THEY'RE USING TODAY. AND I WOULD
21 EXPECT MORE PRESSURE BECAUSE OF THAT. SO MORE COMPRESSION IN
22 THOSE OLDER WELLS NEEDS TO BE CONSIDERED BEFORE THEY BRING
23 THOSE COMPRESSORS ONLINE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

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2 **ALEXANDRA NAGY:** MY NAME IS -- GOOD MORNING, MAYOR ANTONOVICH

3 AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ALEXANDRA NAGY. I'M THE

4 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ORGANIZER WITH FOOD AND WATER WATCH. I

5 HAIL FROM CHATSWORTH. I HAVE THE LUCKY OPPORTUNITY TO AT MY

6 JOB GIVE BACK TO MY COMMUNITY, WHICH I'M VERY GRATEFUL FOR.

7 WHEN THIS LEAK STARTED, WE MADE, AND AFTER I CAME TO THE

8 A.Q.M.D. HEARING LAST WEEK OR TWO WEEKS AGO, THAT WAS ME THAT

9 YOU SAW, I DID A PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST FOR THE AIR MONITORING

10 THAT A.Q.M.D. HAD BEEN DOING. AND I NOTICE THAT WHAT HASN'T

11 BEEN TALKED ABOUT TONIGHT OR TODAY IS THE HIGH LEVELS OF

12 CARCINOGENS FOUND IN THE COMMUNITY. THAT NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT

13 AND STUDIED MORE IN-DEPTH. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT MERCAPTANS.

14 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT METHANE, BUT WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT

15 TOLUENE. WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT BENZENE. AND A.Q.M.D.

16 RECORDED THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THESE CARCINOGENS AT THE PORTER

17 RANCH COMMUNITY SCHOOL. SO I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO NOTE

18 AND WE NEED TO WORK FURTHER TO INVESTIGATE WHAT THE AIR

19 QUALITY IS INSIDE OF THESE SCHOOLS, INSIDE OF PEOPLE'S HOMES,

20 IN ADDITION TO THE AMBIENT AIR QUALITY. I ALSO WANTED TO NOTE

21 THAT SOCAL GAS ADMITS THAT THERE'S BEEN A NEGATIVE WELL

22 INTEGRITY TREND DEVELOPING FROM 2008. THIS IS FROM THEIR OWN

23 DOCUMENTS, WHICH I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE. BUT LIKE WE'VE TALKED

24 ABOUT, MORE THAN 80 OF THEIR -- SOME OF THE WELLS ARE MORE

25 THAN 80 YEARS OLD, WITH AN AVERAGE-AGE WELL OF 52 YEARS, AND

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1 BECAUSE OF THIS AGE AND THE HIGH-INTENSITY OPERATIONS THAT
2 THEY'RE AT A GREATER RISK OF FAILURE. SO A SIX-YEAR TIMELINE
3 TO INVESTIGATE JUST 50 PERCENT OF THESE WELLS, WHICH IS WHAT
4 THEY'RE PROPOSING, IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE. ESPECIALLY AS
5 THESE COMPRESSOR STATIONS GO ONLINE AND WE INCREASE THE
6 CAPACITY OF THOSE FIELDS, WE NEED TO SHUT THIS FACILITY DOWN
7 UNTIL WE CAN FULLY INVESTIGATE WHAT ALL THE POTENTIAL HEALTH
8 IMPACTS AND THREATS ARE TO THIS COMMUNITY. THERE ARE TWO
9 EXAMPLES THAT I'D LIKE TO SHARE. IN 2008, THERE WAS AN
10 ULTRASONIC INSPECTION THAT REVEALED THERE WAS A PRODUCTION
11 CASING THAT WAS CORRODING FROM 450 FEET TO 150 FEET. THAT WAS
12 PORTER 50-A. AND THEN IN 2013, TWO WELLS WERE FOUND TO HAVE
13 LEAKS IN THE PRODUCTION CASING ADJACENT TO THE SCHALLER OIL
14 PRODUCTION FIELD. SO I THINK THAT'S INTERESTING. HOW IS THE
15 GAS FIELD CONNECTED TO THE OIL FIELD? IS THAT WHY THE OIL MIST
16 HAPPENED? THERE'S SO MUCH MORE INFORMATION WE NEED, AND WE
17 NEED A HEALTH STUDY. THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. ALSO, ARNOLD
20 SACHS. YES, MA'AM. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. YES, MA'AM.

21
22 **DARYL GALE:** HELLO. THANK YOU. MY NAME IS DARYL GALE, AND I DO
23 NOT LIVE ANYWHERE NEAR PORTER RANCH. I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES.
24 AND I'M JUST A VERY ENVIRONMENTALLY --

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** PORTER RANCH IS LOS ANGELES.

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3 **DARYL GALE:** I MEAN I LIVE DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES. I DON'T LIVE
4 IN THAT AREA, SO I'M NOT IMPLICATED WITH ANY OF THE GAS LEAKS
5 OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. I'M JUST AN ENVIRONMENTAL CITIZEN. I'M
6 VERY CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT I'VE HEARD THIS MORNING OF HOW LONG
7 IT'S BEEN GOING ON. I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF WHAT
8 MAY BE HAPPENING. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HORRIBLE, HORRIBLE
9 STORMS WITH EL NIÑO COMING UP. I'M ALSO AWARE OF THE
10 GEOLOGICAL AREA AND HOW IT'S, YOU KNOW, WITH AN EARTHQUAKE, IT
11 COULD BE A GIGANTIC MESS FOR ALL OF LOS ANGELES AND LOS
12 ANGELES COUNTY. BUT I WANTED TO JUST INTERJECT THE BIG
13 PICTURE, WHICH ONE OF THE GENTLEMEN UP HERE SPOKE ABOUT
14 EARLIER, IN ANOTHER WEEK, MANY OF OUR LOCAL LEADERS ARE GOING
15 TO PARIS AND WE ARE ALL GOING TO TALK ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE.
16 AND THIS GAS LEAK IS LIKE NEGATING EVERYTHING, ALL OUR HARD
17 WORK HERE IN CALIFORNIA. YOU KNOW, WE'RE A LEADER IN CLIMATE
18 CHANGE. MANY OF US HAVE SOLAR PANELS ON OUR ROOFS. WE USE
19 SOLAR FOR MANY DIFFERENT THINGS. MANY OF US HAVE ELECTRIC
20 CARS. I MYSELF LIVE IN A SOLAR APARTMENT AND I DRIVE AN
21 ELECTRIC-POWERED SCOOTER. AND IT'S LIKE NOW WE'RE PUMPING IN
22 ALL THIS METHANE INTO OUR ATMOSPHERE, NEGATING ALL OUR HARD
23 WORK. AND THAT'S MY BIGGEST CONCERN. SO I REALLY HOPE THAT WE
24 CAN PUT AN END TO THIS SOMEHOW VERY SOON. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. MR. SACHS.

2

3 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WHY, YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS.

4 FEW THINGS. FIRST OF ALL, YOU'RE DEALING WITH TWO DIFFERENT

5 AGENCIES WHICH SEEMS TO BE PART OF THIS. THE WELLS WHICH ARE

6 UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE P.U.C., BUT THE GENTLEMAN FROM THE

7 GAS COMPANY IS TALKING ABOUT THIS PROBLEM IS UNDERGROUND,

8 WHICH IS UNDER SOME GEO -- STATE GEOTHERMAL AGENCY. SO WHERE

9 ARE THE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE STATE GEOTHERMAL AGENCY TO

10 TALK ABOUT THAT PART OF THIS PROBLEM? WE DON'T HAVE ANY. YOU

11 KNOW, IT TOOK ONE WEEK FOR YOU TO DISCUSS ABOUT PROTOCOLS FOR

12 A RAVE OVERDOSE AND THIS IS A MONTH. WHEN DO THESE FINES GO

13 INTO EFFECT? WE HEARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC ISSUANCES 11/22 AND THE

14 LEAK WAS 10/23. IS THAT A PROTOCOL, LIKE ONE MONTH LATER? THE

15 MAN FROM THE GAS COMPANY SAID THEY'RE ON THE NEXT LEVEL TO

16 STOP THE LEAK LEVEL. IS THAT LIKE BEING ON DOUBLE SECRET

17 PROBATION? SUPERVISOR SOLIS MENTIONED EXIDE. THAT'S STILL 30

18 YEARS AND COUNTING. BUT HOW ABOUT CARSON AND THE SHELL OIL

19 COMPANY? HOW ABOUT TORRANCE? THEY JUST HAD A LEAK AT EXXON

20 MOBIL. WHY AREN'T YOU HAVING A HEARING ON EXXON MOBIL. THE

21 LADY MENTIONED THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE SCHOOL CAMP IS IN

22 DOWNTOWN L.A., WHAT KIND OF -- YOU KNOW, L.A. IS PRETTY MUCH A

23 TOXIC AREA IN AND OF ITSELF WITH ALL OF THE OIL AND GAS

24 EXPLORATION. HOW ABOUT METRO DEALING WITH BEVERLY HILLS HIGH

25 SCHOOL WHERE THEY WANT TO PUT THE SUBWAY RIGHT BY AN OIL WELL?

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1 YOU'VE GONE THROUGH THAT. WHY DON'T YOU GET GOVERNOR BROWN TO
2 COME DOWN HERE? HE MET WITH YOU ONCE BEFORE OVER,
3 QUOTE/UNQUOTE, ISSUES OF SECURITY. WELL THIS IS A SECURITY-
4 TYPE ISSUE. YOU MENTIONED THIS MERCAPTAN. IT'S A POISON, AND
5 YET YOU'RE LETTING IT GO THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY? YOU'RE LETTING
6 IT FLOAT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY? HOW CAN YOU ALLOW POISON TO BE
7 FLOWING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY?

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. FOR THE RECORD, THE
10 DIVISION OF OIL AND GAS GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES WERE INVITED TO
11 BE HERE THIS MORNING TO TESTIFY, AND WE WILL ASK THEM AGAIN TO
12 COME NEXT WEEK. WE'LL HAVE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE MAKE THAT
13 REQUEST ONCE AGAIN, THAT IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT THAT IS THE
14 AGENCY THAT IS OVERSEEING, THAT THEY BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE AND
15 GIVE A REPORT, AS WELL. BUT WHAT I WOULD SUGGEST IS THAT WE
16 ALSO IN THE MEANTIME SEND A COPY OF THE TESTIMONY OF THE
17 COMMUNITY AND THE DEPARTMENTS THAT TESTIFIED TO THE DIVISION
18 OF GAS, OIL AND GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES ALONG WITH A COPY TO THE
19 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND THE P.U.C., ALTHOUGH THE P.U.C. IS ABOVE
20 GROUND, THAT THEY ALL SHARE IN THIS INFORMATION. AGAIN, 31
21 DAYS IS TOO LONG. AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE THE
22 INFORMATION ON THE HEALTH STUDY EFFECTS BE PROVIDED TO THE
23 COMMUNITY. I FOR ONE DON'T BELIEVE THAT IT'S GOING TO MAKE ONE
24 HEALTHY OR HAVE NO IMPACT ON HEALTH IF YOU CONTINUE TO INHALE
25 AND BREATHE THIS TOXIC GAS. THAT'S NONSENSE THAT THAT'S OKAY.

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1 SUPERVISOR KUEHL WILL SECOND AND WITHOUT OBJECTION ON THAT.
2 BUT WE WANT TO THANK THE COMMUNITY FOR COMING DOWN AND THE
3 AGENCIES WHO TESTIFIED FOR TESTIFYING, AS WELL, WITH THE GAS
4 COMPANY. SO THANK YOU. WE WILL GO ON WITH THE NEXT ITEM.

5

6 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** WE WILL BE TAKING
7 PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE
8 BOARD, PLEASE STAND AND RISE YOUR RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE
9 SWORN IN. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO
10 YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND
11 NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP YOU GOD? ITEM NUMBER 1. THIS IS
12 A HEARING ON THE FISCAL YEAR REPORT FOR THE LIBRARY FACILITIES
13 MITIGATION FEE FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-15. THERE IS NO
14 DEPARTMENT STATEMENT, NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. PREVEN AND MR. SACHS.

17

18 **ERIC PREVEN:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, IT IS ERIC
19 PREVEN, A RESIDENT FROM C.D.2. AND HERE WE COLLECT FEES AND
20 THEN WE USE THOSE FEES TO ACCRUE MONEY TO BUILD OUT OUR
21 LIBRARY PROGRAM, WHICH I THINK EVERYBODY IS VERY EXCITED
22 ABOUT, BECAUSE WE ALL DO LOVE LIBRARIES. AND IN PARTICULAR,
23 LIBRARIES CAN BE A VERY GOOD HUB AND SORT OF PLACE THAT CAN BE
24 HELPFUL IN DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY AND PLACES LIKE THAT. I
25 NOTICE ON THE AGENDA TODAY, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS

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1 ACTUALLY INCLUDED THE POSSIBILITY OF, OR LOOKING AT THE
2 POSSIBILITY OF MAKING METRO ITEMS AVAILABLE AT LIBRARIES,
3 WHICH MAKES A LOT OF SENSE ALSO, I THINK. I GLANCED AT THE
4 AREAS AND HOW IT'S GOING. THERE WAS ONE OR TWO THINGS THAT
5 CAUGHT MY ATTENTION THAT REQUIRE SOME ANALYSIS. MOST OF THE
6 FEES COLLECTED WERE FAIRLY SMALL. AND I THINK SINCE THEY'RE
7 BASED ON -- I'M NOT SURE, DEVELOPMENT OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT,
8 DEVELOPER FEES, WE HAVE RAISED THREE AREAS HAD SUBSTANTIAL.
9 ONE WAS AREA 6 HAD \$522,000 THAT WAS COLLECTED IN FEES. AREA 5
10 HAD \$111,000 AND AREA 1 HAD \$198,000. SO THOSE ARE THE BIGGER
11 NUMBERS. WHAT CAUGHT MY ATTENTION IS IN AREA 6, THE
12 EXPENDITURES WERE ALSO ENORMOUS, \$174,000. SO I JUST WAS
13 WONDERING WHOSE AREA THAT IS. AND \$100,000 IN AREA 5. SO IT IS
14 VERY, VERY CONFUSING. BUT I THINK WE ALSO SUPPORT LIBRARIES
15 AND I HOPE THAT THIS PROCESS MOVES -- THE OTHER THING THAT'S
16 WORTH COMMENTING IS, IT SCANS OUT MULTIPLE PROJECTS ACROSS THE
17 COUNTY, NONE OF WHICH ARE COMPLETED. SO THIS IS KIND OF A FUND
18 FOR THE FUTURE, I UNDERSTAND. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS.

21

22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. AND
23 I, TOO, HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THIS. THE FEES, YOU KNOW,
24 SEVERAL YEARS AGO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES VOTED TO PUT IN A
25 TRASH FEE INCREASE. IT WAS ACTUALLY GOING TO BE USED TO HIRE

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1 MORE POLICE. BUT INSTEAD -- AND THIS IS THE KEY HERE WITH THE
2 FEE PART, THE FEE WAS ACTUALLY USED FOR SALARIES, TO INCREASE
3 SALARIES. AND THE THING ABOUT IT IS FEES DON'T NECESSARILY
4 HAVE AN ALLOCATED PROGRAM TO GO TO. THEY CAN ESSENTIALLY BE
5 USED FOR ANYTHING. THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER MENTIONED LIBRARIES
6 BEING USED TO COLLECT TAX FUNDING, BUT THE OTHER PART OF THAT
7 WAS THAT THE FUNDS COLLECTED ACCORDING TO THAT ITEM WOULD BE
8 USED FOR LIBRARY OPERATIONS. AND SO YOU'RE GOING TO COLLECT
9 FEES FOR T.A.P., BUT YOU WILL USE IT FOR LIBRARY OPERATIONS.
10 DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. NOW, THIS IS FOR FACILITIES. YOU HAVE FEES
11 THAT ARE BEING COLLECTED FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE FACILITY. I
12 KNOW YOU USED -- THERE WAS A FEW ITEMS ON YOUR AGENDA SEVERAL
13 OTHER TIMES WHERE YOU USED THE 1996 AND 1992 PARK PROPOSITION
14 FUNDS FOR LIBRARIES. SUPERVISOR KNABE'S BIG ON THAT WITH SOME
15 OF THE LIBRARIES IN HIS DISTRICT, WHERE YOU'RE USING THOSE
16 PARK PROPOSITION FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT LIBRARIES WHEN YOU ARE
17 COLLECTING FEES FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT. IS THAT IMPROVEMENT,
18 OR IS THAT THE ACTUAL FUNDING OF THE BUILDING OF THE LIBRARY?
19 YOU KNOW, IT'S THE LEGALESE HERE THAT YOU REALLY NEED TO CATCH
20 UP ON, BECAUSE THEY ARE SEPARATE AND DIFFERENT ITEMS. IT'S
21 KIND OF LIKE VOTING FOR THE CONTENT AND VOTING FOR THE FORM OF
22 SOME OF THE ORDINANCES YOU PASS WHERE YOU ALWAYS VOTE ON THE
23 FORM BEING CORRECT, BUT YOU NEVER REALLY VOTE ON THE CONTENT
24 OF WHAT THE ITEM IS. THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

2 SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** ITEM NO. 2. THIS IS A

5 HEARING ON ADDING A NEW CRISIS STABILIZATION RATE TO THE

6 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH'S PUBLISHED CHARGES FOR FISCAL

7 YEAR 2015-16 FOR USE IN BILLING THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND THIRD-

8 PARTY PAYERS AS PERMITTED BY LAW. NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT.

9 NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. MR. SACHS.

12

13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU AGAIN. ARNOLD SACHS. ADDING A NEW

14 CRISIS STABILIZATION RATE. WAS THERE AN OLD CRISIS

15 STABILIZATION RATE? AND IF THERE IS, WHAT IS IT? AND WHAT IS

16 THAT USED FOR? AND BILLING THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND THIRD-PARTY

17 PAYERS. HOW MUCH IS COLLECTED HERE? WHAT IS THIS FUNDING USED

18 FOR? WHERE DOES IT GO? GOT AN ANSWER ON THAT? I GUESS NOT. AT

19 LEAST, YOU KNOW, YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT PROVIDING SERVICES FOR

20 MENTAL HEALTH, PEOPLE IN NEED OF HOUSING -- SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

21 SERVICES. IS THIS USED TO SUPPLEMENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

22 SERVICES? NEVER MIND LOW INCOME, MEDIUM INCOME, ANY KIND OF

23 INCOME HOUSING. YOU KNOW, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, IS THIS A RATE

24 THAT'S USED TO SUPPLEMENT SERVICES THAT WOULD BE PROVIDED?

25 BECAUSE THAT SEEMS TO BE THE CATCH-ALL PHRASE HERE, IS WE HAVE

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1 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES INSTEAD OF WE'VE HEARD FROM SOME OF THE --
2 ESPECIALLY SUPERVISOR KUEHL HOW THE STATE ABDICATED ITS
3 RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE CARE OF THE MENTALLY ILL AND LET
4 EVERYBODY JUST KIND OF LIKE ROAM AROUND AND NOW MENTAL ILLNESS
5 HAS BECOME SOMEWHAT OF A CRIME THAT YOU'LL BE LOCKED UP IF
6 YOU'RE MENTALLY ILL, BECAUSE THAT'S REALLY WHERE YOU CAN GET -
7 - IF YOU CAN'T AFFORD, AND ON TODAY'S LIVING WAGES, YOU CAN'T
8 AFFORD TO GET SERVICES, YOU USUALLY END UP IN JAIL, WHERE YOUR
9 SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. IT
10 DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. SO WHAT IS THE STABILIZATION RATE? WHAT
11 DOES IT DO? HOW IS IT HANDLED? CAN YOU GET SOME ANSWERS? JUST
12 WANT TO GET A COUPLE ANSWERS ON SOME OF THESE QUESTIONS,
13 BECAUSE WE NO HOW FAR-REACHING YOU ARE.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DON'T BE AFRAID. YOU WON'T GET LOCKED
16 UP, MR. SACHS. OKAY. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS.
17 SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

18

19 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** ITEM NO. 3, THIS IS
20 THE HEARING ON THE UPDATES, THE DEVELOPER FEE PROGRAM,
21 DEVELOPER FEE DETAILED FIRE STATION PLAN, AND THE 2015
22 DEVELOPER FEE UPDATE FEE CALCULATION SUMMARY TO INCREASE THE
23 DEVELOPER FEE IN THE UNINCORPORATED WITHIN THE AREA OF BENEFIT
24 2 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1ST, 2016 AND
25 APPROVE THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT DEVELOPER

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1 FEE FUNDS 2014/15 FISCAL YEAR END. ON THIS ITEM, NO
2 DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT, AND ON THIS ITEM NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS
3 RECEIVED.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. SACHS?

6

7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD MORNING.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IF YOU SAT IN THE FRONT ROW, YOU
10 WOULDN'T -- OR THAT'S YOUR EXERCISE?

11

12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THAT'S ALL RIGHT. IF I SAT IN THE FRONT ROW, I
13 MIGHT SUFFER FROM INHALING TOO MUCH GAS. [LAUGHTER.]

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE'RE GETTING A LOT UP HERE RIGHT NOW.
16 [LAUGHTER.]

17

18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU CERTAINLY ARE. HA-HA. THIS DEVELOPER FEE,
19 AGAIN, YOU MIGHT HAVE READ IN THE NEWSPAPER, AND I'M NOT
20 NECESSARILY PORTRAYING THIS AS A FIRE THING, ALTHOUGH WE
21 COULD. YOU MIGHT HAVE READ IN THE NEWSPAPER HOW THE MAYOR
22 SPAGHETTI OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES WAS GOING TO USE THE
23 DEVELOPER FEE TO HELP IN THIS HOMELESS CRISIS. YET THEN YOU
24 READ TWO WEEKS LATER THAT THE CITY WASN'T COLLECTING THE
25 DEVELOPER'S FEE TO FUND THIS NEW DEVELOPMENT THAT HAD BEEN

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1 GOING ON ALL OVER THE CITY. SO HOW'S THE COUNTY STAND ON ITS
2 DEVELOPER FEES THAT IT COLLECTS FROM UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF
3 THE COUNTY? JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY, AND YOU'RE LOOKING FOR
4 FUNDING, AGAIN, TO HELP IN, AGAIN, AFFORDABLE HOUSING. DO YOU
5 HAVE A DEVELOPER FEE OTHER THAN ONE THAT'S USED FOR FUNDING
6 FIRE HOUSES THAT YOU CAN USE TO MAYBE INCREASE FOR AFFORDABLE
7 HOUSING FOR, I DON'T KNOW, 60 OR 70 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION?
8 STORIES IN THE L.A. TIMES. BUT I'M NOT REALLY ADVOCATING FOR
9 READING THE L.A. TIMES, MORE LIKE A PAPER UNDER A BIRD'S CAGE
10 TYPE THING, BUT IT IS BETTER THAN SOME OF THE OTHER
11 NEWSPAPERS, CONSIDERING THAT SOURCE. BUT THE DEVELOPER FEE.
12 NOBODY SAID ANYTHING. NOT ONE OF YOU SPOKE UP WHEN THIS STORY
13 CAME OUT. WE'LL DO THIS TO HELP FOR HOUSING, BUT WE'RE NOT
14 COLLECTING THE MONEY. DON'T YOU THINK \$100 MILLION -- HOW CAN
15 YOU DO BUSINESS AND NOT COLLECT \$100 MILLION WHEN YOU'RE THE
16 CITY OF LOS ANGELES? DON'T YOU THINK ONE OF YOU OUGHT TO STEP
17 UP AND SAY SOMETHING?

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT IS THE CITY COUNCIL. WE DO THE
20 COUNTY.

21

22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YEAH, I KNOW. BUT YOU HAVE, YOU SAY PORTER RANCH
23 IS PART OF L.A., RIGHT?

24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ALSO PART OF THE COUNTY THAT WE HAVE
2 RESPONSIBILITY FOR. OKAY, MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KNABE.
3 SECONDED, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

4

5 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** ITEM NO. 5, THIS IS
6 THE HEARING ON AMENDMENTS TO COUNTY CODE TITLE 15 VEHICLES AND
7 TRAFFIC TO ADD SECTIONS, ESTABLISH THE ALLEGAN PREFERENTIAL
8 PARKING DISTRICT IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF SOUTH
9 WHITTIER AND A PARKING PERMIT FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90 PER
10 HOUSEHOLD EVERY THREE YEARS. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENTAL
11 STATEMENT, NO CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED, BUT WE HAVE MEMBERS OF
12 THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO TESTIFY.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. NICK BEBECK, ERIC PREVEN AND MR.
15 SACHS. GOOD MORNING.

16

17 **NICK BEBECK:** GOOD MORNING. DO YOU WANT ME TO GO? MY NAME IS
18 NICK BEBEK AND I LIVE ON ALLEGAN. THERE'S A BASIC PROBLEM IN
19 THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THERE ARE SOME APARTMENTS AND PROBABLY SOME
20 OTHER SOURCES THAT ARE OVERPOPULATED AND HAVE A LARGE NUMBER
21 OF VEHICLES THAT ARE PARKING EVERYWHERE AND BASICALLY
22 BLIGHTING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. EVEN OUR RIGHT TO ASSOCIATE WITH
23 FRIENDS AND FAMILY IS VERY DIFFICULT, BECAUSE IN A HOLIDAY OR
24 PARTY PERIOD, SOMETHING LIKE THAT WHERE YOU WANT TO HAVE A
25 GATHERING, YOU CAN'T DO IT, BECAUSE THERE'S NO PARKING ON THE

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1 STREET. SO IT KIND OF PUTS A HAMPER ON WHAT PEOPLE CAN DO
2 AROUND THERE. ALSO, IT'S -- I NOTICE THAT THERE WAS AN
3 EQUITABLE PART OF THIS WHERE YOU KIND OF SPREAD THE PARKING
4 ISSUES AMONGST THE NEIGHBORHOOD, WHICH I APPRECIATE THAT AND I
5 BELIEVE THAT THAT'S PROPER. A LOT OF ELDERLY FOLKS IN THE
6 NEIGHBORHOOD. AND THEY HAVE -- WE HAVE TRASH DAY. WE HAVE
7 PARKING FOR SWEEPING TWICE A WEEK. AND TO HAVE ALL THESE EXTRA
8 CARS THERE MAKES IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR EVERYONE TO
9 OPERATE ON THEIR OWN PERSONAL PROPERTIES. THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO
10 SAY.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS, MR. PREVEN.

13

14 **ERIC PREVEN:** SURE, MY NAME IS ERIC PREVEN I'M FROM C.D.3, AND
15 I'M A LITTLE FAMILIAR WITH THESE PREFERENTIAL PARKING
16 DISTRICTS. IF YOU CAN GET ONE PUT IN IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD,
17 THAT IS A GREAT VICTORY, BECAUSE IT IS VERY DIFFICULT. WE ALL
18 STRUGGLE WITH THESE ISSUES, THOSE WHO LIVE NEAR BUILDINGS.
19 THIS ONE, JUST FOR THE RECORD, IS IS \$30 A YEAR FOR THREE
20 YEARS. SO IT'S \$90, FAIRLY CHEAP, TO BE IN THE DISTRICT,
21 THAT'S WHAT YOU HAVE TO PAY. SO OBVIOUSLY THIS IS NOT A
22 REVENUE PLAY. THIS IS FOR A FEW NEIGHBORS. BUT THE QUESTION
23 THAT DOES COME UP, AND THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ONE, IT'S NO WHERE
24 MENTIONED IN THE ITEM IS, WHAT ABOUT THE CITATION REVENUE? IT
25 DOESN'T UPDATE WHAT HAPPENS TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS PARKED

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1 WHO IS UNAWARE OF THIS NEW PREFERENTIAL DISTRICT, DOESN'T KNOW
2 ABOUT IT, DOESN'T TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO TO
3 THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND GET A VISITOR PERMIT ONE-BY-ONE,
4 WHICH IS RIDICULOUS. OBVIOUSLY IF THE RESIDENTS WHO ARE
5 PERMITTED TO PARK THERE SHOULD BE GIVEN SOME VISITOR STICKERS
6 SO THEY CAN DISTRIBUTE THEM. THE WHOLE THING IRKS ME A TEENY
7 BIT. I HAVE TO SAY, PREFERENTIAL IN PUBLIC PARKING IS A LITTLE
8 STRANGE. WE, YOU KNOW, IT IS A TOUGH AREA, BUT I'M SENSITIVE
9 TO WHAT THE NEIGHBORS ARE EXPERIENCING, OBVIOUSLY. BUT XEROX
10 IS GOING TO MAKE A FORTUNE, BECAUSE THAT TEENY LITTLE MAKING
11 IT ILLEGAL IS GOING TO RESULT IN JUST A CLEANING UP BY THAT
12 GROUP. AND REGULAR FOLKS WHO DON'T HAVE A LOT OF MONEY BECAUSE
13 THEY LIVE IN A BUILDING PACKED FULL OF PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE
14 TAGGED WITH AN ONEROUS CITATION. SO IT MAKES ME A LITTLE SAD.
15 THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ARE YOU COMING DOWN, MR. SACHS? OKAY.
18 SO, SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS?

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I HAVE ITEM 6 DEALING
21 WITH C.U.P., EAST L.A.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE'RE ON ITEM 5.

24

25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SORRY. DID I DO BAD?

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE MOVES AND I'LL SECOND
3 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. OKAY. NEXT ITEM, WE WILL HAVE A
4 REPORT.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I THINK SHE'S GOING TO READ.

7

8 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM NO. 6, THIS
9 IS THE HEARING ON THE APPEAL OF PROJECT NO. R-2014-027341
10 LOCATED AT 5105 EAST OLYMPIC BOULEVARD IN THE EAST LOS ANGELES
11 COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT WITHIN THE EAST SIDE UNIT NO. 1
12 ZONE DISTRICT TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF BEER AND WINE FOR
13 OFFSITE CONSUMPTION WITH AN EXISTING 7-ELEVEN CONVENIENCE
14 STORE. APPEAL FROM THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S
15 APPROVAL. AND ON THIS ITEM, WE HAVE A DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT
16 AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED AND WE HAVE MEMBERS OF THE
17 PUBLIC WHO SIGNED UP TO SPEAK.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MR. MAYOR, I DON'T HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. I
20 KNOW THIS HAS BEEN AN ONGOING SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES HERE. IF
21 STAFF DOES WANT TO CHIME IN RIGHT NOW BEFORE I READ IN MY
22 MOTION.

23

24 **KRISTINA KULCZYCKI:** WE HAVE JUST A VERY BRIEF STATEMENT.

25

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** GO AHEAD.

2

3 **KRISTINA KULCZYCKI:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE MAYOR AND
4 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KRISTINA KULCZYCKI FROM THE DEPARTMENT
5 OF REGIONAL PLANNING. THIS AGENDA ITEM IS A REQUEST TO ALLOW
6 THE SALE OF BEER AND WINE FOR OFFSITE CONSUMPTION WITHIN AN
7 EXISTING 7-ELEVEN CONVENIENCE STORE. A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
8 REQUEST WAS APPROVED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ON
9 JANUARY 14, 2015. THE DECISION OF THE COMMISSION WAS APPEALED
10 TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON JANUARY 22, 2015. THE APPLICANT
11 IS PURCHASING AN EXISTING TYPE 20 LICENSE IN THE AREA, AND
12 THEREFORE NO ADDITIONAL LICENSES WILL BE ADDED TO THE
13 COMMUNITY BY APPROVING THIS APPLICATION. STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT
14 THE BOARD FIND THE PROJECT CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE
15 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND DENY THE APPEAL AND
16 UPHOLD THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE'S APPROVAL OF 2014-
17 00129 AND INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY
18 FINDINGS TO AFFIRM THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S
19 APPROVAL. THIS CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** GREAT, THANK YOU. I KNOW THAT THIS HAS BEEN
22 AN ONGOING CONVERSATION WITH MY STAFF AND THE COMMUNITY IN
23 EAST L.A., AND I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT WE CAME UP WITH A
24 PLAUSIBLE SOLUTION THAT I THINK ADDRESSES ALL OUR CONCERNS. SO
25 I'D LIKE TO READ IN THE FOLLOWING MOTION. "THE SUBJECT 7-

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1 ELEVEN STORE, LOCATED ALONG THE COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR OF OLYMPIC
2 BOULEVARD IN EAST L.A., THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO BUSINESSES
3 SELLING ALCOHOL WITHIN 500 FEET OF THE STORE, WHICH HAS
4 APPLIED FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO SELL BEER AND WINE FOR
5 OFFSITE CONSUMPTION. AS A CONDITION OF APPROVAL, THE APPLICANT
6 HAS AGREED TO PURCHASE AN EXISTING TYPE 20 LICENSE IN THE
7 AREA, THEREBY MAINTAINING THE EXISTING TOTAL NUMBER OF
8 LICENSES IN THE COMMUNITY. IN ORDER TO MITIGATE THE COMMUNITY
9 IMPACT OF COMMENCING ALCOHOL SALES, I'M RECOMMENDING THAT THE
10 FOLLOWING CONDITIONS BE ADDED TO THE REGIONAL PLANNING
11 COMMISSION'S CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL. ONE, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
12 MAY NOT BE DISPLAYED IN DESIGNATED COOLERS OR MORE THAN 5
13 PERCENT OF THE STORE'S TOTAL SHELF SPACE SHALL BE DEVOTED TO
14 THEIR DISPLAY, AND, NUMBER 2, THERE SHALL BE A DISPLAY AREA
15 PROMINENTLY LOCATED NEAR THE ENTRANCE TO THE STORE WITH THE
16 MINIMUM OF 30 SQUARE FEET DEVOTED TO THE SALE OF FRESH PRODUCE
17 AND HEALTHY FOODS SUCH AS YOGURT, CHEESE, EGGS AND LEGUMES.
18 AND, THIRD, THE HOURS OF ALCOHOL SALES SHOULD BE LIMITED TO 6
19 A.M. TO MIDNIGHT. 4, TEMPORARY SIGNS OR BANNERS SHALL BE
20 PROHIBITED. I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
21 CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND FIND THAT THIS PROJECT IS
22 CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT, PURSUANT TO STATE AND LOCAL C.E.Q.A.
23 REPORTING GUIDELINES AND I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD UPHOLD
24 THE DECISION OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, DENY THE
25 APPEAL, AND INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO RETURN TO THE BOARD

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1 WITH THE NECESSARY FINDINGS AND REVISED CONDITIONS JUST AS
2 OUTLINED."

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND. YES, MA'AM.

5

6 **SUP. DON KNABE:** MR. MAYOR, I WILL SECOND, BUT I WILL WITHHOLD
7 HIT UNTIL WE HAVE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE HAVE -- THE APPLICANT IS --
10 BECAUSE PEOPLE HAVE GIVEN UP THEIR TIME, WE'LL HAVE FOUR
11 MINUTES, AND THE APPELLANT, AGAIN, HE WILL HAVE FOUR MINUTES,
12 AS WELL, BECAUSE THEY HAVE GIVEN UP THEIR TIME FOR HIM TO
13 SPEAK. AND THEN WE HAVE OTHERS WHO WILL SPEAK WHO HAVE NOT
14 GIVEN UP ANY TIME. SO, PEDRO CARRILLO, RICARDO PIMIENTA.

15

16 **PEDRO CARRILLO:** MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
17 SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS PEDRO CARRILLO. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF
18 THE APPLICANT, 7-ELEVEN. I JUST WANT TO TAKE A FEW MOMENTS TO
19 ADDRESS THE WORK THAT THE APPLICANT AND THE COMMUNITY HAVE
20 DONE OVER THE LAST YEAR. THE PROCESS HAS BEEN A GOOD PROCESS.
21 IT'S ALLOWED FOR THE APPLICANT TO REACH OUT TO THE PARENT
22 GROUPS AND THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND THE CHURCH AND SEVERAL OF
23 THE PARISHIONERS. I JUST WANTED TO LET THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD
24 OF SUPERVISORS KNOW THAT THERE'S 15 NEIGHBORS AND THE OWNER

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1 HERE TODAY. THEY ARE HERE JUST IN CASE YOU HAD ANY QUESTIONS,
2 BUT THEY CHOSE TO --

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** CAN THEY STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED, SO I CAN
5 SEE WHO THEY ARE? THANK YOU.

6

7 **PEDRO CARRILLO:** THEY'RE HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT. WE
8 CONCUR WITH THE SUPERVISOR'S STATEMENT AND THE REGIONAL
9 PLANNING RECOMMENDATION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND
10 CONSIDERATION ON THIS APPLICATION.

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MR. CARRILLO, I DO HAVE A QUESTION, BECAUSE
13 I KNOW ONE OF THE EFFORTS HERE IS REALLY TRYING TO PROVIDE
14 MORE WHOLESOME FOODS AND FRUITS, BECAUSE IT IS A FOOD DESERT
15 IN THAT PARTICULAR AREA, AND IF YOU COULD JUST MENTION VERY
16 BRIEFLY WHAT THINGS YOU ALL DID TO HELP REMEDIATE.

17

18 **PEDRO CARRILLO:** ABSOLUTELY. ACTUALLY, THIS IS, THAT I KNOW OF,
19 THIS IS PROBABLY ONE OF ABOUT THREE PROJECTS, BUT I COMMEND
20 YOU AND YOUR OFFICE FOR BRINGING THAT TO OUR ATTENTION. 7-
21 ELEVEN HAS MOVED TO DISPLAY AND CREATE AN AREA THAT'S DEVOTED
22 TO THE SALE OF FRESH PRODUCE, HEALTHY PRODUCTS. YOU COVERED
23 SOME OF THEM: YOGURT, CHEESE, LEGUMES, ET CETERA. AND IT'S
24 SUPPOSED TO BE AND WILL BE PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED NEAR THE
25 ENTRANCE TO THE STORE. SO WE'VE CHANGED THE FLOOR PLAN TO MAKE

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1 SURE THAT THE FIRST THING YOU SEE WHEN YOU WALK IN IS A CHOICE
2 AND THAT IT'S A HEALTHY STORE. A LOT OF THE NEWER STORES ARE
3 MOVING TO THAT DIRECTION. SO WE LIKED THE SUGGESTION, AND
4 WE'RE IMPLEMENTING IT.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. YES, SIR.

7

8 **RICARDO PIMIENTA:** HI, MY NAME IS RICARDO PIMIENTA FROM ALVAREZ
9 MARKET. WE'VE BEEN IN BUSINESS FROM 1966 SINCE MY PARENTS
10 STARTED IT. AND OVERALL IN CONVENIENCE, THERE'S OVER 20 STORES
11 IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA WITHIN A BLOCK AWAY. RIGHT NEXT DOOR TO
12 7-ELEVEN THERE'S A PRODUCE STORE THAT SELLS MEAT AND PRODUCE
13 AND YOGURT. ON OLYMPIC ITSELF, THERE'S ABOUT -- THERE'S 1, 2,
14 3, 4, 5 -- THERE'S A TOTAL OF 7 STORES RIGHT NEXT TO EACH
15 OTHER. MRS. LEE IS WITH US. SHE'S IN THE BACK. SHE'S IN THE
16 BACK WITH US. HER STORE IS A BLOCK AWAY. AS SOON AS THE 7-
17 ELEVEN OPENED, A MONTH LATER, AT 1 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING,
18 THEY KILLED SOMEBODY RIGHT BEHIND WHERE THE 7-ELEVEN IS AT, A
19 BLOCK AWAY, AND THEY WERE COMING FROM THE 7-ELEVEN AT 1
20 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING. IN OTHER WORDS, FOR CONVENIENCE, THERE
21 IS CONVENIENCE. THERE'S PLENTY OF LIQUOR -- GROCERY STORES,
22 SMALL MOM AND POPS. AND YOU GIVING THEM THE BEER AND WINE
23 LICENSE, YOU'RE GOING TO BE AFFECTING -- INSTEAD OF JUST
24 AFFECTING THE COMMUNITY, YOU'RE GOING TO RAISE UP THE CRIME,
25 BECAUSE IT'S A LOW-INCOME AREA. AND WHAT HAPPENS IS THAT AT A

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1 CERTAIN TIME, THERE'S NO ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION WHATSOEVER. SO
2 THE CRIME LOW HAS DROPPED FROM YEARS AGO. AND NOW THAT THE
3 CRIME IS LOW, THAT'S THE WAY WE WANT TO KEEP IT, BECAUSE, IN
4 OTHER WORDS, AT A CERTAIN TIME, ALL THE STORES CLOSE. SO IF
5 THEY'RE PARTYING AND THEY'RE HAVING THEIR BEERS AND THEY'RE
6 HAVING THEIR BARBECUES AND ALL THAT AND AT A CERTAIN TIME
7 THERE'S NO MORE BEER, THERE'S NO MORE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,
8 THERE'S NO MORE CRIMES. THERE'S NO MORE PEOPLE GETTING SHOT OR
9 MUGGED JUST COMING BACK FROM 7-ELEVEN AT 2 O'CLOCK OR 1
10 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING. AND THERE'S A COMMUNITY RIGHT THERE,
11 AND THERE'S A LOT OF CHURCHES. THERE'S A LOT OF SCHOOLS. AND
12 THE REASON THAT THE SCHOOL IS WITH THEM RIGHT NOW IS BECAUSE
13 THEY'RE SUBORDINATE. THEY'RE GIVING THEM JUICES OR GIVING THEM
14 STUFF, IN OTHER WORDS, TO BE ON THEIR SIDE. BUT THEY'RE NOT
15 GOING TO BE GIVING THEM PRODUCTS OR GIVING THEM STUFF ALL YEAR
16 LONG. IT'S JUST RIGHT NOW JUST TO GET THEM IN THEIR POCKETS.
17 AND ALL THESE PEOPLE THAT CAME RIGHT NOW, THEY'RE EMPLOYEES
18 FROM THE 7-ELEVEN AND THEIR PARENTS. THAT'S ALL THERE IS. IN
19 OTHER WORDS, THE MAJORITY -- I HAVE OVER 300 SIGNATURES RIGHT
20 HERE, IN OTHER WORDS, TO CONTEST FOR THEM GIVING THEM THE BEER
21 AND WINE LICENSE, BECAUSE INSTEAD OF AFFECTING JUST THE
22 COMMUNITY, YOU'RE GOING TO BRING YOUR GUYS' INCOME DOWN,
23 BECAUSE WHAT HAPPENS IS YOU HAVE OVER 20 STORES THAT ARE
24 AROUND THE IMMEDIATE AREA. AND I'D RATHER HAVE 20 STORES
25 CONTRIBUTING TO THE COUNTY TAXES AND QUARTERLY TAXES INSTEAD

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1 OF HAVING 5 OR 7. SO YOU GUYS GOT TO CONSIDER THAT THIS IS
2 GOING TO AFFECT NOT JUST ONLY THE COMMUNITY; IT'S GOING TO
3 AFFECT PLENTY OF LIVES, BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE OUT
4 THERE THAT ARE SINGLE PARENTS AND THEY RAISE THEIR KIDS FROM
5 THE STORES. AND IF IT WASN'T FOR LITTLE SMALL STORES, BIG
6 STORES WOULDN'T BE HERE AS WE SPEAK NOW, LIKE TARGET OR
7 JOHNSON'S AND JOHNSONS AND WALMART. THEY STARTED FROM A SMALL
8 STORE, AND THEY BECAME BIG. BUT THERE'S STILL, IN OTHER WORDS,
9 FOR THE COMMUNITY. AND THESE PEOPLE, THEY'RE TRYING TO OPEN UP
10 ANOTHER STORE ON OLYMPIC, AS WELL, WHICH IS NOT EVEN SEVEN
11 BLOCKS AWAY. AND THEY'RE ALREADY STARTING TO DEMOLITION AND
12 ALL THAT. SO FOR ME, IN OTHER WORDS, I'D RATHER HAVE 20 STORES
13 THAT ARE CONTRIBUTING TO THE COUNTY AND PAYING TAXES THAN
14 HAVING SEVEN, BECAUSE WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IS THESE PEOPLE
15 ARE GOING TO START AFFECTING ALL THE LITTLE SMALL MOM AND POP
16 STORES AND THEY'RE GOING TO BEGIN CLOSING. SO I'D RATHER HAVE
17 20 PEOPLE, 20 BUSINESSES THAT ARE CONTRIBUTING THAN JUST
18 HAVING FIVE IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. THAT'S ALL. AND I HAVE
19 THESE SIGNATURES TO PROVE THAT OUR COMMUNITY DOESN'T WANT
20 THEM. AND THESE ARE SIGNATURES FROM ALL THE STORES IN THE
21 IMMEDIATE AREA. AND WE HAVE A TOTAL OF 8 STORES, 7 STORES
22 HERE. AND SOME OF THEM COULDN'T COME, BECAUSE THEY'RE JUST
23 SOLE PROPRIETORS AND THEY DON'T HAVE THAT OPTION TO PAY AN
24 EMPLOYEE TO STAY THERE.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME CALL UP CHUNG KWON,
2 IKE KIM, ERIC PREVEN. YANETH CASAS.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MR. MAYOR, I JUST WANTED TO ASK MR. CARRILLO
5 A QUESTION JUST REGARDING SAFETY, BECAUSE IF YOU'RE GOIGN TO
6 BE SELLING, YOU KNOW, ALCOHOL AT NIGHT, IT IS NOT AS THOUGH WE
7 ARE ALSO ADDING AN ADDITIONAL FACILITY THAT'S SELLING THIS.
8 WE'RE NOT INCREASING THE CAPACITY FOR MORE BEVERAGES TO BE
9 SOLD IN THE AREA. THAT'S ONE. I WANT TO CLARIFY THAT, IF
10 THAT'S CORRECT. AND THEN, SECONDLY, JUST IN TERMS OF SAFETY,
11 LIGHTING, THINGS LIKE THAT, I KNOW THAT OTHER 7-ELEVEN STORES
12 HAVE ACTUALLY ALLOWED FOR SHERIFFS TO COME IN AND HAVE THAT
13 KIND OF COLLEGIAL PRESENCE AT THEIR FACILITIES. AND COULD YOU
14 ELABORATE ON THAT?

15

16 **PEDRO CARRILLO:** ABSOLUTELY, SUPERVISOR. YOU'RE CORRECT. WE'RE
17 NOT ADDING TO THE ISSUE OF ALCOHOL SALES. IN FACT, WE ARE
18 WORKING TO LIMIT SALES. DOING A VOLUNTARY 12 A.M. TO 6 A.M.,
19 WITH YOUR CONDITIONAL USE, TO REDUCE THOSE SALES DURING THOSE
20 CRITICAL HOURS IS INCREASING THE LIGHTING, MAKING CERTAIN THAT
21 THE FRANCHISEE HAS THE PROPER TRAINING, AND WE MANDATE AS A
22 FRANCHISEE TO MAKE SURE THEY HAVE A COMMUNITY ELEMENT INTO
23 THEIR BUSINESS PLAN. WHAT THAT MEANS IS THEY'D HAVE TO KNOW
24 HOW TO WORK WITH THEIR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT. THEY'D HAVE TO
25 KNOW HOW TO WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY GROUPS. THEY'D HAVE TO

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1 KNOW HOW TO ABATE THEIR GRAFFITI. THEY HAVE TO KNOW HOW TO
2 FOLLOW THE RULES. IT'S -- I THINK THE GENTLEMAN THAT WAS
3 TESTIFYING HAD ONE THING RIGHT, AND THAT IS THAT THE CRIME
4 RATE IS LOWERED. WE'VE BEEN OPERATING IN THAT AREA FOR A YEAR,
5 OVER A YEAR. AND WE'VE BEEN VERY, VERY INVOLVED WITH THE
6 COMMUNITY. AND AS A RESULT, WE'VE HAD MANY, MANY INCIDENTS
7 THAT HAVE BEEN PREVENTED BECAUSE THE NEIGHBORS ARE NOW
8 EMPOWERED AND BECAUSE THE FRANCHISEE DOES A GOOD ENOUGH JOB
9 WITH THEM TO MAKE SURE THAT HE BECOMES A RESOURCE.
10 ADDITIONALLY, WE HAVE A LETTER IN THE PACKETS THAT WERE
11 SUBMITTED TO EVERY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFICE WITH PETITIONS
12 AND SUPPORT AND A LETTER FROM THE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
13 THAT VERIFIES THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NO CALLS FOR SERVICE AT
14 THAT STORE SINCE ITS INCEPTION. YES, MA'AM.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, SIR? YES, MA'AM? EITHER ONE.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS [INAUDIBLE] I AM FROM THE FRANKS
19 MARKET. I HAVE BEEN WORKING THERE OVER 20 YEARS. AND I BELONG
20 TO THE COMMUNITY. RELATIONSHIP WITH NEIGHBORS, SO I WORK FOR
21 MANY YEARS OVER THERE. SO, SINCE THE DAY OPENED, 7-ELEVEN, SO
22 WE LOST A LOT OF CUSTOMERS WE DID THEM, GROCERY AND DAILY
23 PRODUCE AND DRINK OR SOMETHING. SO, WE ARE VERY SMALL POWERED.
24 I KNOW EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT 7-ELEVEN A POWERFUL FRANCHISESHIP.
25 SO MAYBE THEY ARE ALLOWING ALCOHOL BEVERAGE, IT'S A BIG --

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1 IT'S A BIG IMAGE FOR ALL THE SMALL BUSINESS. SO I WISH -- WORK
2 OVER THERE. AND THEN FURTHER MY FAMILY, FOR MY LIFE. SO I KNOW
3 STILL GROW UP, BECAUSE EVERYBODY KNOWS SPACE TO GROW UP IN.
4 AND THEN ANOTHER REASON IS THEIR LOCATION IS VERY ACROSS THE
5 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. THERE IS AFTER SCHOOL, A LOT OF MY
6 CUSTOMERS SEND THEIR CHILDREN THERE. BUT ALREADY THERE ARE TOO
7 MANY ACCIDENT AREA. SHOPPING AREA, VIOLENT AREAS. SO SOME
8 CLASSES ARE LOCKING UP THEIR CLASSROOMS. SOME CLASSES ARE
9 ENDED UP AT 5:30. SO SOME KIDS, THEY CROSS BY HOME OR LAWN, SO
10 IT'S TOO MUCH DANGEROUS. AND THEN BY THE FRONT, THE STATION, A
11 LOT OF COMING DOWN. SO THAT'S WHY WE APPEAL TO THIS. SO, YEAH.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
14 CHUNGIA LEE, CHUNGIA LEE. YES, MA'AM.

15

16 **YANETH CASAS:** [SPANISH.]

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18 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS YANETH CASAS AND I AM A
19 RESIDENT OF THE AREA AND MY SON ATTENDS WINTER GARDEN. IT'S A
20 SHAME THAT THE CHILDREN IN THE AREA HAVE TO SEE ALL THE
21 HOMELESS PEOPLE WHO ARE USING THE RESTROOM IN PUBLIC AREAS.
22 THEY FORM GROUPS AT ALL HOURS, AND THIS IS BECAUSE OF THE
23 ALCOHOL. AND WE DON'T FEEL SAFE AT CERTAIN HOURS OF THE NIGHT,
24 BECAUSE THEY SET UP THEIR HOMES ALL OVER THE AREA, AND THIS IS
25 BECAUSE OF THE ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION. THAT'S ALL. THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP ARNOLD
3 SACHS. YES, MA'AM.

4

5 **CHONGIA LEE:** MY NAME IS CHONGIA LEE. I'M THE OWNER OF OLYMPIC
6 AND FRAZIER MARKET. MY SON, HE GOING TO READ MY --

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HE'S GOING INTERPRET FOR YOU? OKAY.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. THANKS FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BE
11 HEARD. MY NAME IS [INAUDIBLE] LEE. I'M GOING TO READ A
12 PREPARED STATEMENT THAT EXPRESSES MY MOM'S CONCERNS. IN THE
13 SUMMER OF 1991, I SCRAPED TOGETHER THE FUNDS TO PURCHASE A
14 STORE FROM THE PREVIOUS OWNER. TO ME, THIS PLACE OF BUSINESS
15 IS QUITE A BIT MORE THAN A SMALL GROCERY STORE. AT THE END OF
16 A SERIES OF VERY DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES TO BEFALL ME, WHICH
17 INCLUDED THE DEATH OF MY HUSBAND, OLYMPIC AND FRAZIER MARKET
18 WAS A LIFELINE FOR ME. IT WAS A LAST-DITCH EFFORT TO SECURE A
19 FUTURE FOR MYSELF AND MY TWO SONS. ACCORDINGLY, I HAVE GIVEN
20 EVERY BIT OF MYSELF TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THIS SMALL
21 BUSINESS. OVER THE PAST 24 YEARS, RAIN OR SHINE, I'VE OPENED
22 THE STORE. I HAVE OPENED AND CLOSED THE STORE. AS I HAVE, I'VE
23 GROWN TO FEEL A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY NOT ONLY TO THE
24 BUSINESS BUT TO THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH IT IS SITUATED. I'M A
25 PART OF THIS NEIGHBORHOOD. ALL ALONG OLYMPIC BOULEVARD ARE

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1 SMALL BUSINESSES. IT IS AN AREA THAT HAS AT ITS CENTER A
2 BUSTLING SMALL-BUSINESS ECONOMY. WE ALL WORK VERY HARD AND AT
3 TIMES COOPERATIVELY TO MAINTAIN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT IS ABLE TO
4 SUSTAIN ALL OF US. HAVING A STORE LIKE 7-ELEVEN WITH ITS WELL-
5 ESTABLISHED CORPORATE IDENTITY AND ITS THOROUGHLY DEVELOPED
6 PRODUCT LINES OPENED IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD HAS DONE MORE THAN
7 THREATEN OUR MICROECONOMY. I HAVE ALREADY HAD TO MAKE SWEEPING
8 PRICE CUTS, DECREASING AN ALREADY SMALL PROFIT MARGIN. AFTER
9 OVER 20 YEARS OF LABOR, I AM FORCED TO WORK HARDER TO MAKE
10 LESS MONEY. I FEAR THAT ISSUING A BEER AND WINE LICENSE TO 7-
11 ELEVEN STORE WOULD MARK THE SHIFT FROM WHICH I WILL NOT BE
12 ABLE TO RECOVER. I AM NOT ASKING FOR PROTECTION FROM GOOD
13 FAIR-BUSINESS PRACTICES. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS A FREE
14 COUNTRY AND SETTING UP SHOP WHERE ONE PLEASES IS AN EXERCISE
15 OF THAT FREEDOM. AND YET, CERTAIN CONSIDERATIONS ARE
16 IMPORTANT. A CORPORATE FRANCHISE MOVING INTO A SATURATED
17 SMALL-BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT PRESENTS AN UNFAIR COMPETITIVE
18 ADVANTAGE. IF A LICENSE IS ISSUED ON TOP, I FEAR IT WILL MARK
19 THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF A BUSINESS I'VE HELD TOGETHER WITH
20 SACRIFICE AND HARD WORK. THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL
21 CONSIDERATION.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. THANK YOU, MA'AM.

24 [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** RAISE THE ROOF! YOU CAN'T APPLAUD, BUT
2 YOU CAN RAISE THE ROOF. THANK YOU.

3

4 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN, A RESIDENT FROM THE THIRD
5 DISTRICT, AND I'VE LOOKED CLOSELY AT THIS ITEM, BECAUSE IT IS
6 A CONTROVERSIAL MATTER. WE HAVE THE 7-ELEVEN CORPORATION WHO
7 HAS BEEN PUSHING INTO SOME OF THESE AREAS. GIL CEDILLO OVER AT
8 CITY HALL HAS BEEN PLIED BY THE VERY SAME GROUP. AND MY
9 CONCERN IS THAT IF 7-ELEVEN, WHICH IS A GIANT CORPORATION,
10 REALLY WANTS TO BE A CONTRIBUTOR TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD, LET'S GO
11 FORWARD WITH THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE PIECE. LET'S UPGRADE
12 THAT STUFF. BUT THERE'S NO REASON. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TURNING
13 ON THE ALCOHOL SALES SIGN OR OFF. WELL, YOU CAN HIDE IT BEHIND
14 THE BAG OF CHIPS, BUT THE POINT IS, IS THAT THIS ATTRACTS
15 CRIME. PEOPLE KNOW IT. AND ONE THING THAT DOESN'T GET
16 REFERENCED IN THIS PARTICULAR ITEM IS JUST A FEW MILES AWAY IN
17 -- I BELIEVE IT'S CALLED -- IT'S A NEARBY TOWN, COMMERCE, SOME
18 PLACE NEARBY, THERE IS 41 SUCH LICENSES. THIS IS NOT A NEED
19 THAT PEOPLE HAVE. THE COMMUNITY, THERE ARE CHURCHES IN THIS
20 NEIGHBORHOOD. I MEAN, I CANNOT UNDERSTAND. AND THE IDEA THAT
21 LAW ENFORCEMENT -- WE SHOULD GET VERIFIED TWO THINGS BEFORE
22 THIS MEETING IS CONCLUDED. ONE IS, WAS SOMEBODY KILLED NEARBY
23 AND THE POLICE NOT CALLED? THAT'S UPSETTING. AND THE OTHER
24 THING THAT WE SHOULD UNDERSTAND IS, ARE THESE PEOPLE REALLY
25 EMPLOYEES OF 7-ELEVEN, BECAUSE I NEVER HEARD OF PEOPLE COMING

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1 OUT AND SAYING, HEY, LET'S HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING IN SUPPORT OF
2 A LIQUOR LICENSE! WHO DOES THAT, AND FOR WHAT REASON? I MEAN,
3 I DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY. IT'S NOT GOING TO BENEFIT ANYBODY,
4 EXCEPT FOR THE FOLKS WHO ARE DRINKING. AND THE FOLKS WHO ARE
5 ABLE TO SHOP AT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY STORES WHERE THE FOOD
6 OFFERING -- I MEAN, I'VE BEEN TO 7-ELEVEN. I APPRECIATE THEIR
7 TRYING TO MAKE THEIR OFFERING MORE HEALTHY, BUT THIS IS NOT
8 WHAT PEOPLE WANT FOR THEIR FAMILIES IN GENERAL, IN GENERAL.
9 THIS IS A KIND OF A CONVENIENCE STORE. IT'S A PLACE TO PAY
10 YOUR WATER BILL, TO GET A SLURPEE, TO GET SOME STUFF. I MEAN,
11 YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU WANT IN YOUR 7-ELEVEN, BUT BUYING
12 ALCOHOL IN A COMMUNITY, TO ME, JUST GOES RIGHT PAST SOMETHING
13 THAT IS REALLY IN THE PUBLIC'S INTEREST AND NECESSITY. AND I
14 CAN'T STAND IT WHEN THEY USE THAT LANGUAGE TO MAKE IT SEEM
15 LIKE WE NEED THIS. WE DON'T. WE'VE ALREADY PUSHED OTHER PEOPLE
16 OUT OF BUSINESS. YOU OUGHT TO STAND UP, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR
17 YOUR CONSTITUENTS. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY, LIFT THE ROOF. MR. SACHS?

20

21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, OR GOOD AFTERNOON,
22 ARNOLD SACHS, AND I'M CERTAINLY GLAD TO HEAR THAT THE STORE IS
23 ONLY 500 FEET FROM ANY OTHER STORES. YOU KNOW, YOU DID A
24 HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT ON THE INGESTION OF ECSTASY AND HOW
25 IT AFFECTS YOUNG PEOPLE. DO YOU HAVE A HEALTH REPORT ON THE

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1 EFFECTS OF CONSUMPTION OF BEER AND WINE OFFSITE? DID YOU DO
2 ANY KIND OF HEALTH WORK ON THAT, HEALTH WRITE-UP? THE SALE OF
3 ALCOHOL, ONE OF YOUR CONDITIONS? 6 A.M.? THE OTHER STORE
4 OWNERS THAT ARE LOCATED IN THE AREA, THEIR SALE OF ALCOHOL
5 HOURS, DO THEY START SELLING ALCOHOL AT 6 A.M.? DO THEY GO TO
6 12 MIDNIGHT, AS THIS 7-ELEVEN WOULD BE? SO ESSENTIALLY THEY'RE
7 FIRST IN LINE, LAST IN LINE. THAT DOESN'T SEEM VERY
8 COMPETITIVE TO THE OTHER SMALL BUSINESSES THAT ARE LOCATED IN
9 THE AREA. THE GENTLEMAN FROM 7-ELEVEN SAID HE WAS OPERATING
10 FOR OVER A YEAR WITHOUT THIS LIQUOR LICENSE. SO WHY DO THEY
11 NEED A LIQUOR LICENSE? IF THERE'S OTHER COMMUNITY OUTLETS OR
12 THERE'S OUTLETS IN THE AREA THAT ARE SERVING ALCOHOL OR
13 SELLING ALCOHOL, WHY IS THIS ONE NECESSARY? THE FACT THAT HE'S
14 BUYING ONE, WHY DON'T YOU REDUCE THE NUMBER OF LIQUOR ALCOHOL
15 LICENSES INSTEAD OF MAINTAINING OR INCREASING THE LEVEL? WHY
16 DON'T YOU LOOK AT THAT SIDE OF THE COIN AS A REDUCTION?
17 BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, YOU HEAR SOMEWHAT ABOUT ALCOHOLISM BEING AN
18 ILLNESS, A CAUSE OF MENTAL ILLNESS, A CURE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS.
19 I DON'T KNOW THAT I WOULD NECESSARILY HAVE A GO AT EITHER ONE
20 OF THOSE, BUT ALCOHOLISM IS IN THAT CONVERSATION. AND YET --
21 AND IN ADDITION, IT'S GREAT THAT YOU ARE SO CONCERNED WITH
22 WHAT 7-ELEVEN IS DOING. WHY DON'T YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR
23 THE OTHER STORE OWNERS TO COME IN, MS. SOLIS, AND YOU COULD
24 TALK TO THEM AND HEAR WHAT THEY'RE DOING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

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1 AND GET AN OVERALL VIEW FROM EVERYBODY INVOLVED IN THE
2 SITUATION?

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS? A
5 MOTION AND A SECOND. CALL THE ROLL.

6

7 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

10

11 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
12 THOMAS?

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

15

16 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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18 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** ABSTAIN.

19

20 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

21

22 **SUP. DON KNABE:** AYE.

23

24 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR
25 ANTONOVICH. AYE. SO ORDERED. THANK YOU.

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2 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** ITEM NO. 7, THIS IS A
3 HEARING ON APPEAL OF PROJECT NUMBER R2013-01647 LOCATED AT
4 13443 BALI WAY ON LEASE PARCEL 44 IN THE PLAYA DEL REY ZONE
5 DISTRICT WITHIN THE MARINA DEL REY LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM AREA
6 APPLIED FOR BY THE PACIFIC MARINA VENTURE LLC, APPEAL FROM THE
7 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL. ON THIS ITEM WE HAVE
8 A DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT. CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED AND WE
9 WILL TAKE PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

10

11 **KEVIN FINKEL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE
12 BOARD. MY NAME IS KEVIN FINKEL, AND I'M WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
13 REGIONAL PLANNING. THE ITEM BEFORE YOU IS AN APPEAL OF THE
14 APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED MULTITENANT CENTER IN MARINA DEL REY.
15 ON AUGUST 26, 2015, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
16 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE PROJECT WITH CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL,
17 CERTIFIED AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, AND ADOPTED A
18 MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM FOR THE PROJECT.
19 THE PROJECT WOULD CONSTRUCT 83,000 SQUARE FEET OF COMMERCIAL,
20 RETAIL, RESTAURANT, OFFICE, MARINE, COMMERCIAL AND BOATER AND
21 COMMUNITY-SERVING SPACE, ASSOCIATED PARKING SIGNAGE AND
22 LANDSCAPING, OPEN-AIR DRY BOAT STORAGE AND PUBLIC
23 IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING A PUBLIC WATERFRONT PROMENADE,
24 REALIGNMENT OF THE MARVIN BRAUDE BIKE PATH THROUGH THE PROJECT
25 SITE, AND CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLIC PLAZA. THE REGIONAL

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1 PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT WAS APPEALED TO
2 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2015. THANK YOU.
3 AND THIS CONCLUDES MY STATEMENT. STAFF IS AVAILABLE FOR
4 QUESTIONS.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE.
7 FIRST THE APPLICANT WILL HAVE FOUR MINUTES AND THE APPELLANT
8 WILL ALSO HAVE FOUR MINUTES AND THEN WE HAVE A LIST OF
9 SPEAKERS WHO WILL GET TWO MINUTES, AND THAT'S BECAUSE OTHERS
10 GAVE THEM THEIR TIME. FOR THE APPLICANT, AARON CLARK AND FOR
11 THE APPELLANT, JON NAHHAS. FIRST WILL BE MR. CLARK? THE
12 APPELLANT GOES FIRST? OKAY, THEN MR. NAHHAS AND THEN FOLLOWED
13 BY MR. CLARK AND THEN WE'LL CALL THE RESIDENTS WHO SIGNED UP
14 FOR IT.

15

16 **JON NAHHAS:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS JON NAHHAS.
17 I'M WITH THE BOATING COALITION. I HAVE COME BEFORE THIS BOARD
18 OVER THE LAST DECADE TRYING TO PROTECT OUR PUBLIC LANDS IN
19 MARINA DEL REY. I HAVE MET SOME OF YOU PERSONALLY AND
20 DISCUSSED HOW THE PRIVATE INTERESTS HAVE TAKEN OVER IN THE
21 HARBOR AND HOW RECREATIONAL BOATING IS NOW AN AFTERTHOUGHT.
22 THIS PROJECT CONTINUES THE DECIMATION OF PUBLIC ACCESS WITH
23 THE PROPOSED TRADER JOE'S AND BIG BOX STORES AT THE ENTRYWAY
24 OR GATEWAY TO MARINA DEL REY TO THE PUBLIC RECREATIONAL LANDS
25 IN THE MARINA. SUPERVISORS, WITH THE LACK OF SPEAKING TIME AND

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1 SO MUCH MISINFORMATION OCCURRING ON THIS PROJECT, IT IS
2 CRITICAL THAT YOU READ OUR SUBMITTED BOARD LETTER. WE
3 SUBMITTED IT THIS MORNING. WE ALSO JUST GAVE YOU A HARD COPY
4 FOR YOU TO REVIEW. THIS BOARD HAS PUT IN PLACE PROTECTIONS FOR
5 THE PUBLIC IN OVERSIGHT BOARDS, ETHICS TRAININGS AND OTHER
6 TOOLS TO ENSURE WELL INFORMED DECISIONS ARE BEING MADE. YOUR
7 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING REPRESENTATIVES MADE IT VERY
8 CLEAR DURING THE MARINA DEL REY VISIONING PROCESS THAT
9 MINDANAO WAY AND THE 90 FREEWAY WERE CRUCIAL TO BRINGING
10 CITIZENS, THE LOS ANGELES CITIZENS, TO THE WATER. YOUR BOARD
11 APPROVED THE VISIONING PLAN FOR MARINA DEL REY IN OCTOBER
12 2014. IN FACT, IT WAS ONE OF THE FIRST CONTROVERSIAL ACTIONS
13 TAKEN BY THE NEWLY SEATED SUPERVISORS, SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL
14 AND HILDA SOLIS. TRADER JOE'S IS A GREAT RETAIL MARKET. MAKE
15 NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT. IT IS VERY, VERY POPULAR. BUT IT IS
16 COMPLETELY INAPPROPRIATE TO BE DEPLOYED ON OUR COASTAL WATERS
17 AND AT THE MOUTH OF THE ENTRY WAY TO OUR PUBLIC LANDS. THE
18 ONLY SOLUTION, SHOULD YOU DECIDE TO APPROVE THIS PROJECT
19 TODAY, IS TO EXTEND THE 90 FREEWAY TO WASHINGTON BOULEVARD, AN
20 ALREADY IMPACTED ACCESS POINT TO THE MARINA. THE COASTAL
21 COMMISSION HAS MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT THEY DO NOT WANT TO SEE
22 THE EXTENSION OF THE 90 FREEWAY TO WASHINGTON BOULEVARD. SO
23 THAT OPTION SEEMS TO, AT LEAST AT THE MOMENT, TO BE OFF THE
24 TABLE. BUT THESE DEVELOPERS IN MARINA DEL REY CONTINUE TO WANT
25 TO PUSH IN THAT DIRECTION. WE TRIED TO REASON WITH THE

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1 DEVELOPER AND HAVE HAD HIM ADD MORE INDIGENOUS TREES, MORE
2 AFFORDABLE BOATING FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES AND MIDDLE INCOME
3 FAMILIES, MORE RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS, WHICH CURRENTLY DO NOT
4 EXIST, AND MORE YOUTH ACCESS. A LAST MINUTE DEAL WAS NARROWLY
5 ESCAPED WHEN OUR ATTORNEY FOUND THAT THERE WERE TRAP DOORS IN
6 THE CONTRACT. SUPERVISORS, MARINA DEL REY WAS CREATED FOR THE
7 ENJOYMENT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CITIZENS. AND THE
8 RESIDENTS PAID FOR THIS BY A REVENUE BOND. IT TOOK NEARLY A
9 DECADE TO BUILD. WE CANNOT ALLOW AGENTS TO USE DECEPTION IN
10 THE WAY OF TRAFFIC STUDIES OR MISINFORMATION PROVIDED TO THIS
11 BOARD AND OTHER PUBLIC OVERSIGHT COMMISSIONS THAT CAME BEFORE
12 YOU. IT IS QUITE CLEAR THAT THE DEVELOPER TOLD ME IN HIS LAST
13 MINUTE PART OF THE NEGOTIATIONS THAT YOUR APPROVAL WAS
14 IMMINENT TODAY. PLEASE, DO NOT SHOW THE PUBLIC COMPLETE
15 DISTASTE AND THAT THERE IS NOTHING THAT IS IMMINENT. DO NOT
16 ENGAGE IN DISTRICT PREROGATIVE. PLEASE, ALL OF YOU, THIS IS A
17 PUBLIC HARBOR THAT ALL OF YOU SHOULD BE VOTING ON. DO NOT
18 ENGAGE IN DISTRICT PREROGATIVE. THANK YOU.

19
20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MR. CLARK.

21
22 **AARON CLARK:** THANK YOU, MAYOR. MY NAME IS AARON CLARK OF THE
23 LAW FIRM OF ARMBRUSTER GOLDSMITH AND DELVAC. THANK YOU FOR
24 HEARING FROM ME THIS MORNING. THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
25 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THIS PROJECT. IT'S A WONDERFUL PROJECT.

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1 WE'VE SUMMARILY REJECT EACH AND EVERY ALLEGATION OF MR.
2 NAHHAS. HE TALKS ABOUT LACK OF PUBLIC ACCESS. THIS PROJECT IS
3 A PUBLIC ACCESS DREAM. THERE'S A NUMBER OF BENEFITS. IT
4 INCLUDES A FULLY IMPROVED 20-, 28-FOOT-WIDE PUBLIC PROMENADE
5 AROUND THE ENTIRETY OF THE WATERFRONT. IT INCLUDES A RE-
6 ALIGNMENT OF THE REALLY IMPORTANT PUBLIC BIKE PATH WHICH RUNS
7 THROUGH MARINA DEL REY AND CURRENTLY SNAKES ITS WAY THROUGH A
8 PARKING LOT THROUGH THIS PARCEL. NOW THIS BIKE PATH WILL BE
9 DIRECTLY ALONG THE SEA WALL. AND SO IT'S GOING TO INCREASE
10 PUBLIC SAFETY. IT'S GOING TO INVITE BIKERS TO STOP. WE HAVE
11 100 BICYCLE PARKING SPACES. I THINK THAT'S ACTUALLY TOO MANY,
12 BUT WE'RE PUTTING 100 IN AT THE SITE. PUBLIC PLAZA AREAS. THIS
13 NOTION THAT TRADER JOE'S AND WEST MARINA ARE INAPPROPRIATE FOR
14 THIS SITE IS COMPLETE NONSENSE, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT. IT'S THE
15 FIRST TRADER JOE'S WHERE BOATERS AND VISITORS TO THE PARK AND
16 RESIDENTS ALIKE CAN COME TO THE WATERFRONT. ONE COULD TIE UP
17 TO EITHER OF TWO DINGHY DOCK STORAGE AREAS THAT WILL BE FREE
18 TO THE PUBLIC FROM A BOAT OR A DINGHY, AND ACCESS THIS TRADER
19 JOE'S AND WEST MARINE, WHICH IS CLASSICALLY BOATER-SERVING. I
20 CAN'T IMAGINE A BETTER SITE FOR A WEST MARINE RIGHT ON THE
21 WATER. THEY'RE EXCITED ABOUT BEING THERE. LATE IN THE HOUR, WE
22 ADDED THREE PUBLIC BOAT SLIPS, WHICH ARE GOING TO BE FREE OF
23 CHARGE. THAT'S A MAJOR PUBLIC CONCESSION. MR. NAHHAS MUST NOT
24 KNOW ABOUT THAT, BECAUSE HE SAYS THIS, I THINK IN HIS APPEAL
25 SAID, THIS PROJECT WILL IMPEDE ALL PUBLIC ACCESS TO

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1 RECREATIONAL LANDS. AGAIN, IT DOES THE OPPOSITE. THERE'S A
2 NUMBER OF FOLKS THAT ARE GOING TO SPEAK IN FAVOR. ONE OTHER
3 THING IT DOES IS REPLACE THE OLDEST YACHT CLUB ON THE WESTERN
4 COAST IN NEW FACILITIES, THE SOUTH COAST THE CORINTHIAN YACHT
5 CLUB. THEY'RE HERE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR TODAY. IT REPLACES BOATER
6 MAINTENANCE ON SITE. IT ADDS A COUPLE OF NICE RESTAURANTS
7 WHERE FOLKS CAN COME TO THE MARINA AND DINE ON THE WATER. IT'S
8 CLASSICALLY COASTAL ACT SUPPORTED. IT'S A PROJECT THAT'S
9 COMPLETELY CONSISTENT WITH THE L.C.T. WITH RESPECT TO ITS
10 ZONING, WITH RESPECT TO THE SIZE OF BUILDINGS, THE FOOTPRINT
11 OF BUILDINGS. SO, AGAIN, I CANNOT BE MORE ADAMANT THAT I
12 BELIEVE THIS APPEAL IS COMPLETELY WITHOUT MERIT. THE APPLICANT
13 WHO ACTUALLY DID WORK VERY HARD TO WORK OUT ACCOMMODATION WITH
14 MR. NAHHAS IN HIS SO-CALLED BOATING COALITION, WHICH I BELIEVE
15 IS A COALITION OF ONE OR MAYBE TWO, AND IT BECAME OBVIOUS THAT
16 THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN WORK OUT ACCOMMODATION WITH HIM BASED ON
17 THE TYPES OF THINGS HE WAS ASKING FOR. SO WITH THAT, AGAIN, I
18 WOULD JUST ASK YOU TO PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR COMMISSION'S WELL-
19 REASONED AND THE STAFF'S TREMENDOUS WORK ON THIS PROJECT AND
20 DENY THIS APPEAL, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT. AND I JUST CAN'T WAIT
21 TO HEAR FROM OTHERS IN SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT. SO I'LL
22 ACTUALLY CLOSE WITH THAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MR. CLARK. OKAY. LET ME
25 CALL UP TREVON BAZELLEY, BOB KOEPPLE. ROBERT KOEPPLE. IS

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1 ROBERT KOEPPLE AND BOB KOEPPLE THE SAME? OKAY. THEN LET ME
2 CALL UP RICKI BARKER AND RICHARD HORNER. YES, SIR.

3

4 **TREVOR BAZELLEY:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS TREVOR BAZELLEY. I'M
5 THE COMMODORE AT SOUTH COAST CORINTHIAN. WE'VE WORKED VERY,
6 VERY CLOSELY WITH THE BOARD THAT HAS BEEN DEVELOPING THIS,
7 ESPECIALLY WITH THE OWNER OR THE DEVELOPER, MICHAEL PISHAR AND
8 DAVID TOBIN. THEY HAVE BEEN INCREDIBLY GOOD, ABSOLUTELY
9 PUTTING OUT A FIRST CLASS YACHT CLUB FOR US, WHICH WE WILL
10 THEN HAVE. WE DO HAVE YOUNG CHILDREN COMING IN TO DO PROGRAMS
11 WITH THEM. WE HAVE SMALLER BOATS. WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF
12 BIGGER BOATS, SO THAT IS MUCH BETTER FOR US. THE CLUB IS
13 ABSOLUTELY FANTASTIC. AND THEY HAVE REALLY BENT DOWN AND
14 HELPED US OUT. I'D LIKE TO LEAVE THESE LETTERS FOR THE BOARD.
15 AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. YES, SIR.

18

19 **BOB KOEPPLE:** I AM BOB KOEPPLE OF BOB KOEPPLE YACHT SALES. I
20 HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT AND A BROKER IN THE PIER 44 FOR SOME 26
21 YEARS. AND PIER 44 ACTUALLY IS THE DOORWAY TO MARINA DEL REY.
22 THERE IS NO QUESTION ABOUT IT. BUT I MUST REMIND YOU THAT THAT
23 DOORWAY NOW IS 50 YEARS OLD, AND IT'S IN DIRE NEED OF TOTAL
24 RECONSTRUCTION. THE PROBLEM THAT I SEE WITH PEOPLE COMING IN
25 FROM OTHER PARTS OF LOS ANGELES TO ENJOY MARINA DEL REY: IT'S

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1 A LIABILITY TO THEM, BECAUSE SOMEBODY IS GOING TO HAVE A
2 PROBLEM WITH THE WAY THE FACILITIES ARE NOW. THE DOCKS ARE
3 COMING APART. THE BUILDINGS ARE FALLING DOWN. AND IT'S ABOUT
4 TIME WE DO SOMETHING AND HAVE IT COMPLETELY REDONE. I'VE BEEN
5 INVOLVED WITH THIS, MOVING THIS PROJECT FORWARD FOR SEVERAL
6 YEARS. I WAS DOWN AT THE COASTAL COMMISSION IN OCEANSIDE,
7 PRESENTED IT THERE. I'VE BEEN TO ALL THE REST OF THEM. AND
8 BELIEVE ME, WE DESPERATELY NEED THIS PROJECT. AND I THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
11 ZALDUA JANET, KATHY KNIGHT. YES. YES, MA'AM.

12

13 **RIKKI BARKER:** HI, MY NAME IS RIKKI BARKER, AND I WANT TO THANK
14 YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AND FOR THE PIER 44 PROJECT.
15 I WANT TO SAY THAT I REPRESENT MANY OTHERS WHO LIKE MYSELF AND
16 MY HUSBAND ARE LONG-TERM RESIDENTS OF THE MARINA. I'VE BEEN IN
17 THE MARINA SINCE 1975 AND A LIVE-ABOARD SINCE 1995. WE'RE
18 ACTIVE BOATERS, BELONG TO DEL REY YACHT CLUB, AND ARE ACTIVELY
19 INVOLVED IN ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORT AND BENEFIT MARINA DEL
20 REY. THIS IS OUR HOME. I REPRESENT THE MARINA DEL REY
21 HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND AM A MEMBER OF SEVERAL CHAMBERS OF
22 COMMERCE, ALSO A DOCENT FOR THE MARINA DEL REY HARBOR TOURS.
23 DESPITE WHAT YOU HEAR FROM A FEW PEOPLE, PLEASE KNOW THEY DO
24 NOT REPRESENT US, THE MAJORITY OF LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS WHO WANT
25 MARINA DEL REY TO BE BETTER EVERY DAY. WE SUPPORT RESPONSIBLE

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1 PROJECTS LIKE THIS. WE WANT THE MARINA TO GROW, TO LOOK
2 BEAUTIFUL AND SERVE THE COMMUNITY, WHETHER IT GETS THE
3 BOATERS, LANDSIDE RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES OR TOURISTS. THE
4 PROJECT WELCOMES EVERYONE INTO THE MARINA WITH A MEMORABLE,
5 CONTEMPORARY BUILDING. IT SETS THE TONE. IT SAYS YOU HAVE
6 ARRIVED. THE PROJECT ALSO WELCOMES THE PUBLIC WITH LARGE,
7 BEAUTIFUL, EXPANSIVE WALKWAYS AND GATHERING AREAS. IT BRINGS
8 PLACES TO SIT AND ENJOY THE WATER. IT BRINGS TRADER JOE'S,
9 WHICH WE'VE ALL BEEN DYING FOR. IT GIVES US BOATERS FINALLY A
10 DINGHY DOCK TO TIE UP WHILE EATING OR SHOPPING. I'M A
11 BICYCLIST. AND HAVING THE NEW BIKE PATH MAKES IT EASIER FOR ME
12 TO RIDE THE CALIFORNIA BIKE TRAIL. MOST OF ALL, IT FINALLY
13 ERADICATES THAT DATED, DISMAL VIEW ALONG ADMIRALTY, REPLACING
14 IT WITH GREAT-LOOKING, RIGHT-SIZED BUILDINGS THAT BREAK TO
15 REVEAL AND CELEBRATE THE CLEAR VIEW OF THE WATER. WHEN WE HEAR
16 NO MORE DEVELOPMENT OF TRAFFIC? IT'S JUST URBAN ENVIRONMENT.
17 WHERE IS THERE NO TRAFFIC IN L.A.? THE CITY OF L.A. DOESN'T
18 LET TRAFFIC IMPEDE ITS PROJECTS, AND MARINA DEL REY CAN'T
19 REMAIN OLD AND DATED JUST BECAUSE OF TRAFFIC. WE WHO LIVE
20 HERE, BOAT HERE, RECREATE AND SHOP HERE --

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DO YOU WANT TO WRAP IT UP?

23

24 **RIKKI BARKER:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. YES, MA'AM.

2

3 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I'M ACTUALLY HERE REPRESENTING THE
4 MARINA DEL REY CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU AND OUR BOARD OF
5 DIRECTORS AND WE ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORT THIS PIER 44
6 REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT. OUR MISSION IS TO PROMOTE MARINA DEL
7 REY WAS A VISITOR AND TOURISM DESTINATION. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT
8 WE ADVOCATE FOR PROJECTS THAT WILL IMPROVE MARINA DEL REY AS A
9 TOURIST DESTINATION. THIS PROJECT RAISES THE PROFILE OF MARINA
10 DEL REY AND INCREASES THE AESTHETIC APPEAL OF OUR COMMUNITY.
11 IT ALSO WILL SERVE AS THE BREATHTAKING GATEWAY TO MARINA DEL
12 REY AND WILL REPLACE EXISTING BUILD THAT IS APPEAR VERY TIRED
13 AND DATED. THE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN INCLUDES ELEMENTS THAT
14 REFLECT NAUTICAL AND BOATING COMPONENTS AND DEMONSTRATES THE
15 ATTENTION TO DETAIL THAT HAS BEEN APPLIED TO THE PLANNING IN
16 THIS PROJECT. THE MARINA DEL REY CONVENTION AND VISITOR'S
17 BUREAU SINCERELY APPRECIATES THE TIME THAT THOSE INVOLVED WITH
18 THIS PROJECT HAVE TAKEN TO SOLICIT FEEDBACK FROM COMMUNITY
19 STAKEHOLDERS, PARTICULARLY THE BOATERS. OUR RECOMMENDATIONS
20 FROM OUR BOARD HAVE RESULTED IN THE ADDITION OF EXTRA BOAT
21 SLIPS, MAKING IT MORE ACCESSIBLE FOR BOATERS TO ACCOMMODATE
22 RECREATIONAL BOATERS SO THAT THEY CAN ENJOY THE DINING AND
23 RETAIL AMENITIES THAT ARE AVAILABLE. AND THIS EVEN HAPPENED AT
24 THE 11TH HOUR RIGHT BEFORE THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
25 MEETING WHERE WE HAD PUSHED TO GET EXTRA BOAT SLIPS AND THEY

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1 WERE VERY WILLING AND VERY ACCOMMODATING TO DO SO. WE'RE
2 CERTAIN THAT PIER 44 WILL BECOME ONE OF MARINA DEL REY'S
3 POPULAR ATTRACTIONS FOR VISITORS AND LOCALS AND WILL GENERATE
4 EXCITEMENT WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. THE TRANSFORMATION OF PARCEL
5 44 IS DEFINITELY IN LINE WITH THE COUNTY'S VISION FOR MARINA
6 DEL REY'S FUTURE AND PROVIDES EASY ACCESS FOR EVERYONE. IT'S
7 PEDESTRIAN FRIENDLY. IT'S CYCLING FRIENDLY. SO WE URGE YOU TO
8 SUPPORT THE PROJECT. I'M A RESIDENT IN MARINA DEL REY AND I'M
9 LOOKING FORWARD TO TAKING THE WATER BUS FROM MY APARTMENT TO
10 TRADER JOE'S TO DO SHOPPING. I DON'T EVEN HAVE TO ADD TO THE
11 TRAFFIC. SO REALLY ENCOURAGE YOU GUYS TO SUPPORT THIS PROJECT.
12 IT'S REALLY TIME TO SEE IT MOVE FORWARD. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP HELEN
15 COYNE-HOERLE, JOHN RICHARD. YES, SIR.

16

17 **RICHARD HORNER:** I'M RICHARD HORNER. YOU CALLED ME LAST. I
18 APOLOGIZE FOR COMING UP EARLY.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO PROBLEM. GO ON.

21

22 **RICHARD HORNER:** MY NAME IS RICHARD HORNER. I GREW UP AND I'M
23 INVOLVED IN THE BOATING AND WATER ACTIVITIES AS AN ADULT. I
24 LIVE, WORK, PLAY AND COACH AND VOLUNTEER AND CONTRIBUTE. AND
25 I'M ALSO A PHOTOGRAPHER FOR A MYRIAD OF ACTIVITIES IN THE

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1 MARINA DEL REY. I'M NOT A STRANGER TO OPPOSING PROJECTS AND
2 DEVELOPMENT AND HAVE OFTEN BEEN A VOCAL OPPONENT, RECENTLY TO
3 DOWNSIZING OF THE BOAT SLIPS, SOME OF THE MASSIVE APARTMENT
4 COMPLEXES. HOWEVER I SUPPORT RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT AND
5 PROJECTS THAT TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION COMMUNITY CONCERNS. THIS
6 IS SUCH A PROJECT THAT I AND AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF
7 BOATERS, RESIDENTS, THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, THE SCHOOLS, AND
8 THE LOCAL CLUBS SUPPORT. THIS PROJECT THAT I SUPPORT IN PART
9 BECAUSE THEY HAVE INDEED GONE THROUGH EXHAUSTIVE MEASURES TO
10 LISTEN TO, INCORPORATE AND TO INVOLVE THE COMMUNITY IN THEIR
11 EFFORTS TO RENOVATE AND RESTORE THIS LONG OVERDUE AND WORNOUT
12 PARCEL. EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT AND OFTEN OBLIGATION, AND I
13 ENCOURAGE AND APPLAUD PRESENTING THEIR PERSONAL POINT OF VIEW
14 IN FAVOR AND OPPOSITION, PRO OR CON. BUT I CAUTION THIS
15 COMMITTEE TO TAKE NOTE THAT THE APPEAL TO THIS PROJECT IS
16 EXACTLY THAT, THE PERSONAL OPINION WHICH I RESPECT OF AN
17 INDIVIDUAL WHO REPRESENTS ONLY HIMSELF AND NOT THAT OF THE
18 MYRIAD OF THE GROUP'S BOATERS AND THE CLUBS AND THE BUSINESSES
19 OF THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE COMMUNITY THAT NOT ONLY
20 APPROVES BUT WELCOMES AND APPLAUDS THIS LONG-OVERDUE PROJECT.
21 SINCE THE APPEAL, I'D ASKED RACERS, YOUTH PROGRAMS, VARIOUS
22 CLUBS, FLEETS, THERE'S VARIOUS FLEETS IN THE MARINA, WHAT THE
23 BOATER'S COALITION IS AND THEY'D NEVER HEARD OF IT. IF THERE'S
24 A BOATERS' COALITION, I'D LIKE TO BE PART MUCH IT AND I'D LIKE
25 FOR THEM TO HAVE MY OPINION AND VOICE HEARD. I URGE THIS

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1 COMMITTEE TO PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE DEVELOPED
2 PERSONALLY, BECAUSE IT'S RARE THAT DEVELOPERS OF THIS
3 MAGNITUDE SHARE THE CONCERNS AND DESIRES OF THE BOATING
4 COMMUNITY IN THEIR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT. THEY HAVE THE
5 EXPERIENCE, THE RESOURCES AND THE SUCCESSFUL TRACK RECORD IN
6 THE MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF OTHER PROPERTIES, SO IT'S
7 RARE TO WITNESS THIS EXHAUSTIVE MEASURES THAT THEY HAVE TAKEN
8 TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME
9 SPEAK. AND I'D LIKE TO IN CLOSING SAY THAT IF WE LOSE THESE
10 INDIVIDUALS OF THIS PROJECT, IT WILL BE AT THE PERIL OF THE
11 FUTURE OF THE MARINA, WHICH WILL BE THE GATEWAY OF THIS
12 NEIGHBORHOOD.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP TIM
15 RILEY. YES, MA'AM.

16

17 **KATHY KNIGHT:** YES. MY NAME IS KATHY KNIGHT. I'M WITH THE
18 BALLONA ECOSYSTEM EDUCATION PROJECT AND THE AIRPORT MARINA
19 GROUP SIERRA CLUB. AND WE'RE ASKING THAT YOU DO UPHOLD THE
20 APPEAL BY THE BOATING COALITION. THERE'S SEVERAL REASONS.
21 WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT -- THIS IS A GATEWAY TO THE MARINA AND
22 THERE'S SOME TREES THERE ALREADY. AND AS WE'RE UNDERSTANDING,
23 THE OLD GROWTH TREES ARE GOING TO BE TAKEN OUT AND SMALLER
24 TREES PUT IN. AND THESE OLD GROWTH TREES, A LOT OF THEM HAVE A
25 RECORD OF NOT WORKING THAT WELL. AND THE TREES THAT ARE THERE

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1 ARE MUCH HARDIER AND THEY'RE GOOD AND GOOD FOR WILDLIFE. I
2 THINK THEY'RE SYCAMORES AND THEY WERE PUT IN AS HARDY TREES
3 THAT THE BIRDS CAN NEST IN. AND THE BIRDS AND THE WILDLIFE ARE
4 HAVING A TERRIBLE TIME IN MARINA DEL REY IN TERMS OF HUGE
5 DEVELOPMENTS GOING ON, CONCRETE DEVELOPMENTS. AND THEY LOST
6 HUNDREDS OF TREES TO OXFORD LAGOON RECENTLY. AND IT'S JUST A
7 CONSTANT LOSS OF HABITAT FOR THE WILDLIFE THAT'S TRYING TO USE
8 THIS AREA. ALSO, THE EMISSIONS ISSUE. THE TRAFFIC AT THE
9 PROJECT SITE IS HEAVILY IMPACTED ALREADY. ACCORDING TO
10 S.C.A.Q.M.D., C.E.Q.A. HANDBOOK, PROJECTS THAT DO NOT EXCEED
11 THE PROJECT-SPECIFIC S.C.A.Q.M.D. THRESHOLDS FOR SIGNIFICANCE
12 SHOULD BE LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT ON A CUMULATIVE BASIS UNLESS
13 THERE IS OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION TO THE CONTRARY. SUCH
14 INFORMATION EXISTS AND IS A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT TO EMISSIONS.
15 AND ONE OF THOSE IS THAT LINCOLN BOULEVARD IS AN IMPAIRED
16 ROADWAY ALREADY. IT GETS F GRADES ON TRAFFIC. PLUS WE HAVE THE
17 90 FREEWAY OFFRAMP THERE. SO THE TRAFFIC IS A MAJOR ISSUE. AND
18 THIS ALSO IMPACTS THE WILDLIFE. CITIZENS FOUGHT FOR MANY,
19 MANY, MANY YEARS TO SAVE THE BALLONA WETLANDS THERE FROM
20 DEVELOPMENT. AND IT'S AN ECOLOGICAL RESERVE NOW, AND WILDLIFE
21 IS TRYING TO USE IT. AND ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC IS GOING TO IMPACT
22 THE ABILITY OF WILDLIFE TO SURVIVE ON THE ROADS AND IN THE
23 AREA.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

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2 **KATHY KNIGHT:** PLEASE UPHOLD THE APPEAL. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. AND RICHARD WINDEBANK? YES,
5 MA'AM? YES, MA'AM.

6

7 **HELEN COYNE-HOERLE:** MY NAME IS HELEN COYNE-HOERLE. ARE YOU
8 ASKING FOR SOMEONE?

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I ALWAYS CALL UP AN EXTRA PERSON.

11

12 **HELEN COYNE-HOERLE:** I LIVE APPROXIMATELY FIVE BLOCKS FROM THE
13 PROPOSED SITE OF THE TRADER JOE PARCEL 44 PROPOSAL. I AM
14 OPPOSED TO IT PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF THE TRAFFIC. RIGHT NOW WE
15 HAVE BACKUPS THAT ARE INCREDIBLE, EVEN WITH THE NEW LANES THAT
16 THE COUNTY INSTALLED WITHIN THE LAST YEAR. HAVING READ THROUGH
17 PARTS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, IT'S CLEAR IN THE
18 SUMMARY THAT THE TRAFFIC CANNOT BE MITIGATED. WHY DOESN'T
19 TRADER JOE'S GO A FEW BLOCKS AWAY ONTO WASHINGTON, WHERE IT
20 WILL NOT IMPACT PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY, HIGHWAY 1, LINCOLN? I
21 HAVE GONE DOWN TO THE SITE AND TALKED TO PEOPLE THERE WHO ARE
22 COMMUTING, AND THEY ARE VERY UPSET ABOUT THIS ADDITIONAL
23 IMPACT ON THEIR COMMUTE. THERE ISN'T A WAY REALLY TO STOP
24 THIS. I MEAN RALPH'S IS ONLY A BLOCK AWAY, SO BOATERS ARE NOT
25 GOING TO BE INCONVENIENCED BY HAVING ACCESS TO A GROCERY

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1 STORE. I LOVE TRADER JOE'S, BUT IT BELONGS IN A DIFFERENT
2 PLACE. AND THEY SAY THIS IS GOING TO BE A SMALL TRADER JOE'S,
3 BUT ONCE THEY HEAR IT'S THERE, THEY WILL BE THERE. THERE'S NO
4 DOUBT ABOUT IT. I'LL BE THERE. BUT I SHOPPED AT TRADER JOE'S
5 IN 7 STATES, AND THE TRAFFIC IS HORRIBLE. WE ALL KNOW THAT. IN
6 SAN FRANCISCO, WHERE I LIVE, THEY HIRE AN OFF-DUTY POLICE
7 OFFICER TO LAUNCH THROUGH THE TRAFFIC ALL THE TIME, BECAUSE IT
8 BACKS UP A BLOCK OR TWO ON MASONIC, WHICH IS A MAJOR CORRIDOR
9 IN THE AREA. SO I REALLY WOULD LIKE YOU TO LOOK AT THE ISSUES
10 OF WHAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT RECORD OR REPORT HAS SAID AND
11 SEE THAT THIS IS NOT THE PLACE FOR TRADER JOE'S. ENCOURAGE
12 THEM TO GO SOMEWHERE ELSE. WE'LL ALL BE THERE. AND I ALSO
13 SUPPORT THE ISSUE ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE TREES, BECAUSE
14 WE'VE HAD SO MANY TREES TAKEN OUT ALREADY FOR THE LARGER BIRDS
15 AT OXFORD LAGOON. IT TAKES -- I'M A MASTER GARDENER WITH THE
16 UC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION. IT TAKES A MINIMUM OF 20 YEARS TO
17 REPLACE THOSE TREES. SO IT IS NOT OKAY TO JUST TAKE TREES OUT.
18 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
21 PATRICIA YONIS? YES, SIR.

22

23 **JOHN RICHARD:** MY NAME IS JOHN RICHARD, AND I'M HERE TO
24 REPRESENT WEST MARINE AND TO CONVEY OUR COMPANY'S SUPPORT FOR
25 PACIFIC MARINA VENTURES REDEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL FOR PIER 44.

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1 WEST MARINE RESPECTFULLY ASKS THAT YOUR BOARD VOTE TO DENY THE
2 APPEAL ON THIS MATTER AND SUSTAIN THE REGIONAL PLANNING
3 COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT PERMITS. THROUGH A SERIES
4 OF WORKING SESSIONS WITH P.M.V.'S CONTROLLING OWNERS, WE HAVE
5 ARRIVED AT A FINAL PLAN WHICH WE BELIEVE WILL PROVIDE A STATE-
6 OF-THE-ART COMMUNITY STORE IN THIS NEW PROJECT. WE LOOK
7 FORWARD TO COMPLETION OF THE PIER 44 PROJECT AND HOPE IT WILL
8 COME TO FRUITION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WEST MARINE STRONGLY
9 URGES YOU TO SUPPORT THE PROJECT AND VOTE TO DENY THE APPEAL,
10 UPHOLDING YOUR REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S WELL-REASONED
11 APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT PERMITS.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
14 MARSHA SANTRY. MR. RILEY.

15

16 **TIM RILEY:** MR. MAYOR AND HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS TIM
17 RILEY. I'M REPRESENTING THE MARINA DEL REY LESSEES
18 ASSOCIATION. OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, THE ASSOCIATION HAS
19 TAKEN A CLOSE LOOK AT THE PROPOSED PROJECT, HAS SEEN IT EVOLVE
20 INTO WHAT IT IS TODAY. WE KNOW THAT THERE WAS A LOT OF
21 COMMUNITY INPUT INTO THIS PROJECT, THAT THE DEVELOPER
22 CONSIDERED A LOT OF THIS INPUT AND CAME FORWARD WITH A PLAN
23 THAT IMPROVES MANY THINGS ABOUT THE VISITORS-SERVING ASPECTS
24 OF MARINA DEL REY. THIS PROPERTY, THIS PROJECT, I SHOULD SAY,
25 IS CONSISTENT WITH THE L.C.P. AND UNDER THE L.C.P., THE LAND

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1 USE DESIGNATION INCLUDES MARINE, COMMERCIAL AND VISITORS-
2 SERVING AND I THINK, AS WELL, BOATING FACILITIES AND I BELIEVE
3 THERE'S ALSO A WATER LAY OVERLAY ZONE. IN ANY CASE, THE
4 PROJECT IS CONSISTENT WITH THOSE ASPECTS AND IF YOU LOOK AT
5 THE L.C.P. AS A VISIONING STATEMENT IN AND OF ITSELF, THIS IS
6 VERY CONSISTENT. NOW, WHAT WE'RE GOING GET WITH THIS PROJECT
7 IS A VERY ATTRACTIVE ENTRY INTO MARINA DEL REY WITH THE WEST
8 MARINE BUILDING THAT'S BEING BUILT IS AN ICONIC BUILDING THE
9 D.C.B., DESIGN CONTROL BOARD, AND MARINA REVIEWED THE PLANS,
10 THEY WERE VERY, VERY FAVORABLE, SUPPORTED THIS PROJECT AS THEY
11 SAW THIS AS A GREAT DESIGN FOR MARINA DEL REY. IT IMPROVES THE
12 PROMENADE. YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT THE BIKE PATH THAT COMES IN. THE
13 DEVELOPER EXPANDED THE VIEW CORRIDORS AS A RESULT OF A LOT OF
14 INPUT THAT WAS GIVEN. AND SO THERE'S MANY ATTRACTIVE FEATURES
15 TO THIS PROJECT. AND WE WOULD ASK ASK YOU TO DENY THE APPEAL
16 AND UPHOLD THE APPROVAL THAT WAS GRANTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE
17 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

18

19 **RICHARD WINDEBANK:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS RICHARD WINDEBANK,
20 AND I REPRESENT THE GIRLS AND BOYS CLUB OF VENICE. AS YOU
21 KNOW, THE BOYS AND GIRLS' CLUB SUPPORTS DISADVANTAGED YOUNG
22 PEOPLE. THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF WONDERFUL DISADVANTAGED
23 PEOPLE, MAINLY FROM MINORITY FAMILIES, MANY OF THEM FROM
24 SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES. I RUN THE SAILING PROGRAM FOR THE CLUB
25 AND WE HAVE DONE FOR THE LAST 13 YEARS. IT'S A WONDERFUL,

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1 WONDERFUL PROGRAM THAT GETS THE KIDS OUT ON THE WATER. WE
2 TEACH THEM BOATING SAFETY. WE TEACH THEM LEADERSHIP. WE TEACH
3 THEM TEAMWORK. WE HELP THEM UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE
4 ENVIRONMENT. WE GIVE THEM THE RESPECT OF THE WATER AND THE
5 OCEAN. WE HAVE A FLEET OF EIGHT HOBIE CATS THAT WE USE FOR
6 THIS PURPOSE, AND YOU WILL RECOGNIZE THAT AS A REGISTERED
7 CHARITY, THERE IS NO WAY, NO WAY WE WOULD BE ABLE TO KEEP OUR
8 BOATS IN THE MARINA IF WE HAD TO PAY COMMERCIAL RATES. WE ARE
9 SOLELY DEPENDENT ON THE GRACIOUSNESS AND THE GENEROSITY OF
10 PEOPLE LIKE MICHAEL PICHE AND HIS COMPANY. AND I WOULD LIKE TO
11 PUBLICLY THANK HIM FOR ALL THE SUPPORT HE GIVES TO THE
12 COMMUNITY AND HELPING THE BOYS AND GIRLS OF VENICE TO HAVE
13 THIS PROGRAM. AS FAR AS THE PROJECT IS CONCERNED, I THINK THAT
14 THIS AREA OF MARINA DEL REY IS VERY TIRED. IT'S RUN DOWN. IT'S
15 IN DESPERATE NEED OF A SHOT IN THE ARM. AND THIS IS THE SORT
16 OF PROJECT THAT GIVES IT THAT SHOT IN THE ARM. AND I STRONGLY
17 ENCOURAGE YOU TO SUPPORT IT. AND I FULLY SUPPORT IT, TOO. AND
18 I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO MOVE AHEAD WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY. AS
19 FAR AS THE APPELLANT IS CONCERNED, I'M PRETTY INVOLVED IN
20 BOATING. I'M PRETTY VISIBLE. I DON'T KNOW ANYBODY THAT'S A
21 MEMBER OF THE BOATING COALITION. I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS. SO
22 AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, ALL THE BOATERS THAT I KNOW OF ARE
23 FULLY SUPPORTIVE OF THIS PROGRAM. WE THINK IT WILL BE A
24 WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL THING FOR MARINA DEL REY. THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
2 ERIC PREVEN AND ARNOLD SACHS. DID JOHN RICHARD SPEAK? OKAY,
3 THESE WILL BE THE FINAL TWO SPEAKERS, MR. SACHS AND MR.
4 PREVEN. YES, MA'AM.

5

6 **PATRICIA YOUNIS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR ANTONOVICH, SUPERVISORS
7 AND STAFF. I'M PATRICIA YOUNIS AND I'M HERE TODAY TO REPRESENT
8 THE LAX COASTAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. ON BEHALF OF THE LAX
9 COASTAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WE REPRESENT 500 BUSINESSES, MANY
10 OF WHICH ARE LOCATED IN MARINA DEL REY. I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW
11 ENTHUSIASTIC THIS CHAMBER IS IN SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT. THE
12 DEVELOPMENT PLAN WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY THREE OF OUR VERY
13 GOOD COMMITTEES: THE MARINA AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, THE PUBLIC
14 POLICY COMMITTEE, WHICH GOES INTO GREAT DETAIL LOOKING AT
15 CODES AND ORDINANCES AND ARCHITECTURAL ISSUES. SO THEY GET
16 INTO THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF A PROJECT. AND, OF COURSE, FINALLY,
17 OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS. WE MONITORED THIS DEVELOPMENT FROM THE
18 TIME THAT IT BEGAN, BECAUSE WE KNEW PIER 44 WAS AT THE ENTRY
19 OF MARINA DEL REY. THIS PROJECT WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
20 ON THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE. WE BELIEVE THAT THE PROJECT AS IT
21 HAS GONE OVER THE YEARS HAS DEVELOPED INTO A BEAUTIFUL,
22 BEAUTIFUL PROJECT, WHICH YOU AS SUPERVISORS FOR THE COUNTY OF
23 LOS ANGELES AND ALL THE COMMUNITY WILL BE VERY PROUD OF. THIS
24 PROJECT INCORPORATES A BEAUTIFUL BUILDING AT THE BEGINNING OF
25 THE MARINA. IT HOUSES NOT JUST WEST MARINE BUT ALSO 7 OR 8

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1 BOAT BROKERS. SO IT'S NOT JUST A GIANT BIG STORE. IT IS -- IT
2 INCORPORATES OFFICES, AS WELL. THE PROJECT INTEGRATES WATER
3 WITH THE LAND IN SUPPORT OF TOURISM, BOATING, THE RESIDENTS.
4 THERE JUST ISN'T ANYTHING THAT IT DOESN'T SUPPORT. I SEE I'M
5 OUT OF TIME. I WANT TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME, AND,
6 PLEASE, LET THIS PROJECT MOVE FORWARD. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, MA'AM.

9

10 **MARSHA SANTRY:** THANK YOU, MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND SUPERVISORS. MY
11 NAME IS MARSHA SANTRY. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE PACIFIC
12 MARINA VENTURES. THEY'VE ASKED ME TO BRING A COUPLE OF NOTES
13 UP TO HELP YOU. THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF INFORMATION SHARED.
14 ACCORDING TO OUR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, WE DO NOT CURRENTLY
15 HAVE ANY NATIVE TREES ON THE PROPERTY, BUT WE WILL BE ADDING
16 QUITE A FEW, AND SO THAT WILL HELP BRING THE VISION TOGETHER
17 FOR THE MARINA. ALSO, AS SOME OF YOU ALREADY KNOW, THE WEST
18 MARINE DOES REPLACE THE EXISTING STORE THAT IS CURRENTLY
19 LOCATED IN THE WATERSIDE PROPERTY ACROSS THE STREET THAT'S
20 VERY DIFFICULT TO GET IN AND OUT OF WITH ALL OF THE PARKING
21 ISSUES. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF PARKING
22 WITHIN OUR PLAZA. AND ALSO WE BELIEVE THAT BY BRINGING TRADER
23 JOE'S TO THE COMMUNITY, IT ALLEVIATES SOME OF THE IMPACT ON
24 RALPH'S, ALLOWING AN AFFORDABLE OPTION, AS SOMEONE ALSO
25 MENTIONED, THAT WILL BRING PEOPLE THROUGH THE DINGHY DOCKS

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1 ALSO. AS FAR AS THE BOATER-SERVING NEEDS, WE ARE ALSO
2 PROVIDING A COMMUNITY ROOM AND NEW BOATER FACILITY BATHROOMS,
3 LAUNDRY, KITCHEN FOR THE RESIDENTS OR VISITORS OF THE MARINA
4 TO COME ON LAND AND REALLY ENJOY THEMSELVES IN THAT
5 RECREATIONAL TONE. WE ALSO WANT TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION,
6 TRADER JOE'S SENT YOU A LETTER LAST WEEK. IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN
7 IN YOUR PACKETS. THEY COULDN'T ATTEND TODAY. THEY HAD PLANNED
8 TO BE HERE ON NOVEMBER 10TH. BUT UNFORTUNATELY BECAUSE IT WAS
9 RESCHEDULED BY THE APPELLANT'S REQUEST, THEY COULDN'T MAKE IT.
10 BUT THEY WANTED TO CONVEY THAT TRADER JOE'S STRONGLY SUPPORTS
11 THIS PROJECT AND THAT THEY'VE BEEN WORKING ON IT FOR 10 YEARS
12 WITH US TO TO HELP THEM COME UP WITH A PROJECT THAT THEY
13 BELIEVE WILL BE A SUCCESSFUL STORE. AND WE'VE BEEN WORKING
14 WITH THEM TO NEGOTIATE A LEASE FOR THE PROJECT AND CONTINUE.
15 THEY WOULD LIKE TO RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU VOTE TO DENY
16 THE APPEAL AND UPHOLD THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. MR. PREVEN.

19

20 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, I'D LIKE A COPY OF THAT, BY THE WAY. IT'S
21 ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT, AND I WOULD HAVE TO SAY
22 IN THIS PROJECT, WE'VE REACHED A NEW LOW. WHEN APPLICANTS,
23 WHEN PEOPLE COME DOWN FROM THE COMMUNITY AND SUGGEST THAT
24 THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS THE BOATERS' COALITION, THEY ARE, OF
25 COURSE, RIGHT. IT IS CALLED "THE BOATING COALITION." SO, IT IS

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1 AN INCREDIBLY DECEPTIVE THING. AND THERE ARE LOTS OF MEMBERS
2 OF THAT GROUP, AND YOU HAVE ALL, ON THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
3 HEARD FROM THEM ON A REGULAR BASIS, SUPERVISOR KNABE. SO, MR.
4 CLARK, WHO IS FROM ARMBRUSTER, GOLDSMITH, AND DELVAC, AND MR.
5 RILEY, WHO'S ANOTHER LOBBYIST, OUGHT TO BE ASHAMED FOR
6 THEMSELVES BY BRINGING PEOPLE DOWN HERE AND TRYING TO
7 MARGINALIZE COMMUNITY RESIDENTS WHO HAVE HAD A VOCAL AND
8 PERSISTENT AND CONSISTENT CONCERN ABOUT THE ABNEGATION OF YOUR
9 PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AS OUR LEADERS TO TAKE CARE OF
10 THE MARINA DEL REY. AND GO LOOK AT THE SHORES, SIR, IF YOU'D
11 LIKE TO SEE THE KIND OF STRUCTURES THAT YOU BROUGHT. AND IF
12 YOU WANT TO REFER TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN, AS YOU OFTEN
13 DO, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, EXITING NOW, GOOD CHOICE, YOU CAN
14 REMEMBER THAT DAY WHEN YOU PUSHED IT THROUGH, YOU CAN PUSH IT
15 THOROUGH. THAT WAS THE DAY WHEN YOU PUT A HORRIFYING PLAN IN
16 FRONT OF THE PUBLIC, PUSHED IT THROUGH OVER THE PUBLIC'S
17 OBJECTION, AND THEN SOLD IT TO THE COASTAL COMMISSION. SO, IT
18 WAS A TRAGIC, TRAGIC DAY. NOW REGARDING THIS PROJECT ITSELF, I
19 LOVE TRADER JOE'S. I LIVE IN STUDIO CITY. WE HAVE A VERY NICE
20 TRADER JOE'S, AND IT IS PACKED. WE ARE LANDLOCKED, AND WE
21 CANNOT GET INTO OUR TRADER JOE'S, WE LOVE IT SO MUCH. SO,
22 YEAH, MAYBE YOU GUYS WORKED IT OUT WITH THE TANDEM VALET
23 PARKING? IS THAT WHAT YOU GOT, TANDEM VALET? THAT'S A GOOD
24 SPIN THEY ARE USING IN A LOT OF DIFFERENT PLACES NOW. IT MEANS
25 WE ARE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE THE PARKING.

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1 REGARDING THE TRAFFIC AND THE TRAFFIC STUDIES, YOU COULD TALK
2 TO BRUCKNER AND THE JACKALS OVER HERE ABOUT THE VARIOUS
3 TRAFFIC STUDIES THAT THEY PUT TOGETHER OVER THE YEARS THAT
4 ABSOLUTELY DEFY ANY KIND OF LOGIC. WE'VE HAD MATH PROFESSORS
5 DOWN HERE EXPLAINING IT TO YOU, AS YOU RECALL. IT IS
6 APPALLING. IT IS AN ABSOLUTE APPALLING TURN OF EVENTS, AND,
7 THAT SAID, MR. PICHE IS A GOOD GUY, I'M SURE. I'M SURE HE'S
8 TRYING TO DO HIS BEST. ANOTHER BIG BUILDING. YOU KNOW, IT'S
9 BEAUTIFUL, IT'S BEAUTIFUL. ALL THESE PEOPLE COMING DONE,
10 QUELLING FROM THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. IT'S LIKE THE BELLAGIO.
11 IT'S BEAUTIFUL. BUT THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE COASTAL LAND FOR
12 PEOPLE FROM OTHER DISTRICTS. HOW IS THAT GOING TO AFFECT WHEN
13 THE TRAFFIC JAM THAT YOU CAN'T EVEN NOW GET ON THE 90 FREEWAY
14 INTO THAT PLACE.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS.

17

18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS. I
19 WAS ACTUALLY GOING TO TALK ABOUT A COUPLE DIFFERENT THINGS.
20 THE LOCAL WORKER HIRING PROGRAM, YOU HAVE AN ITEM ON YOUR
21 AGENDA TODAY ABOUT VETERANS. THIS IS COUNTY PROPERTY. WILL
22 THIS BE AFFECTING, I KNOW IT'S NOT A COUNTY PROJECT, BUT IT'S
23 COUNTY PROPERTY. WILL THAT TAKE INTO ACCOMMODATION THE LOCAL
24 VETERAN HIRING PROGRAM THAT YOU SO OFTEN PUSH AS A SUCCESSFUL
25 PROGRAM? AND THEN THE REDUCTION AND REQUIRED PARKING, BECAUSE

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1 ONE OF THE SPEAKERS SAID THERE WILL BE SIGNIFICANT PARKING.
2 HOW CAN YOU HAVE SIGNIFICANT PARKING IF YOU ARE REDUCING
3 REQUIRED PARKING? VALET-MANAGED. THAT DOESN'T SIT VERY WELL.
4 HOW MANY OTHER PROJECTS HAVE YOU APPROVED THAT HAVE -- MAYBE
5 YOU SHOULD HAVE DONE THAT WITH THAT 7-ELEVEN IN YOUR DISTRICT,
6 MS. SOLIS, WHERE THEY HAVE VALET-MANAGED PARKING THERE. YOU
7 JUST DID A PERMIT-PARKING HEARING IN ONE OF YOUR COMMUNITIES
8 THAT PEOPLE CAN'T PARK. AND YOU'RE GOING TO REDUCE REQUIRED
9 PARKING. THAT DOESN'T MIX THERE, EITHER. SOMEBODY MENTIONED
10 LEASE OBLIGATIONS WITH TRADER JOE'S. WHY ISN'T THE COUNTY
11 INVOLVED IN THESE LEASE OBLIGATIONS? IS THIS NOT COUNTY
12 PROPERTY THAT YOU ARE WORKING WITH HERE? YOU KNOW, YOU DO
13 THESE LEASES FOR 30, 40, 50 YEARS, BUT YOU'RE NOT INVOLVED IN
14 THE LEASE OBLIGATIONS? THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE, EITHER. AND
15 TRAFFIC. THE CITY OF L.A. IS PUSHING FOR TRAFFIC CALMING.
16 MAYBE THIS WOULD BE STUCK IN TRAFFIC WOULD BE CALMING. YOU
17 HAVE TO WAIT. WHAT HAPPENED TO MOVE L.A. OR BOWEL MOVEMENT
18 L.A.? AND FIXING ANGELENOS STUCK IN TRAFFIC, OR, AS I LIKE TO
19 SAY, F.A.R.T., FIXING ANGELENOS ROTTING IN TRAFFIC. THIS IS
20 MORE OF THAT COMING TO THE WEST SIDE. YOU JUST DID THE A STORY
21 IN THE L.A. TIMES ABOUT CONGESTED TRAFFIC IN THE STATE OF
22 CALIFORNIA AND L.A. HAS GOT 10 OF THE WORST SITUATIONS. MAKE
23 IT NUMBER 11.
24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT CONCLUDES. IF WE COULD HAVE THE
2 DEPARTMENT RESPOND TO SOME OF THE COMMENTS THAT WERE MADE.

3

4 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** THE COMMENTS MADE REGARDING TREES AND
5 TRAFFIC WERE THE SALIENT ONES I HEARD. THERE WAS A
6 PROFESSIONAL TRAFFIC STUDY DONE REVIEWED BY OUR PUBLIC WORKS
7 DEPARTMENT AND MANY MITIGATION MEASURES PUT IN PLACE. THERE IS
8 VALET PARKING, BECAUSE THERE ARE RESTAURANTS ON SITE, AND
9 WE'RE TRYING TO UTILIZE LAND TO ITS MAXIMUM AND PROVIDE
10 COASTAL ACCESS. IN TERMS OF TREES, THERE ARE MANY, MANY NON-
11 NATIVES ON SITE. THERE'S APPROXIMATELY 127 TREES ON SITE. AT
12 THE CONCLUSION OF THIS PROJECT, IF APPROVED TODAY, THERE WILL
13 BE 238, AND ALMOST DOUBLING THE NUMBER OF TREES ON THE SITE. I
14 THINK THAT RESPONDS TO THE SALIENT COMMENTS TODAY.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR?

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR AND THANK YOU, STAFF. "THIS
19 PROJECT NO. R2013-01647 IS A REQUEST FOR A COASTAL DEVELOPMENT
20 PERMIT AND ASSOCIATED ENTITLEMENTS TO AUTHORIZE THE
21 DEVELOPMENT OF 83,253 SQUARE FEET OF COMMERCIAL, RETAIL,
22 RESTAURANT, OFFICE, MARINE, COMMERCIAL AND BOATER AND
23 COMMUNITY-SERVING FACILITY AND PARCEL 44 IN THE UNINCORPORATED
24 AREA OF MARINA DEL REY. THE PROJECT AS DESIGNED IS CONSISTENT
25 WITH POLICIES OF THE MARINA DEL REY LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM AND

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1 WILL ENHANCE, NOT INHIBIT, PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE MARINA
2 WATERFRONT AND THE BOATING AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN
3 THE MARINA. ON AUGUST 26, 2015, THE REGIONAL PLANNING
4 COMMISSION HELD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROJECT AND CONCURRED
5 UNANIMOUSLY FINDING THE PROJECT WAS CONSISTENT WITH ALL
6 APPLICABLE LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM POLICIES AND REGULATIONS. I
7 THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND
8 DENY THE APPEAL.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE HAVE A MOTION AND SECOND BY
11 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. ANY OBJECTION? SO ORDERED.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT CAME DOWN.

14

15 **COUNSEL:** IN ADDITION TO DENYING THE APPEAL?

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T. 2 WAS TO CERTIFY THE FINAL
18 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE PROJECT AND ADOPT THE
19 ASSOCIATED MITIGATION MONITORING REPORTING PROGRAM AND
20 FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS
21 AND, 3, INDICATE THE BOARD'S INTENT TO APPROVE PROJECT NUMBER
22 R2013-01647-4 CONSISTING OF COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NUMBER
23 2013-00003, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NUMBER 2013-000166, PARKING
24 PERMIT NO. 2013-00012. AND VARIANCE NUMBER 2013-00004. AND

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1 INSTRUCT THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY FINDINGS
2 AND CONDITIONS CONSISTENT WITH THE MOTION.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** PART 2 MOTION BY KNABE. SECOND BY
5 SOLIS. ANY OBJECTIONS? SO ORDERED. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU.

8

9 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** ITEM NO. 8, THIS IS
10 AN HEARING ON APPEAL OF PROJECT NUMBER R2014-02996-5 LOCATED
11 AT 3771 SIERRA HIGHWAY IN THE ACTON COMMUNITY STANDARDS
12 DISTRICT WITHIN THE SOLEDAD ZONE DISTRICT TO AUTHORIZE A NEW
13 TACO BELL FAST- FOOD RESTAURANT WITH DRIVE-THROUGH FACILITIES
14 APPLIED FOR BY FIRST STREET DEVELOPMENT/BREVIDORO FAMILY
15 PARTNERSHIP, APPEAL OF REGIONAL PLANNING AND COMMISSIONER'S
16 APPROVAL. ON THIS ITEM, THERE IS A DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT.
17 ALSO, CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED, AND WE WILL TAKE PUBLIC
18 TESTIMONY ON THIS ITEM.

19

20 **RICHARD CLAGHORN:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF
21 THE BOARD. MY NAME IS RICHARD CLAGHORN FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
22 REGIONAL PLANNING. WITH ME IS EMIKO THOMPSON FROM THE
23 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DIVISION. THIS
24 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REQUEST WAS APPROVED BY THE REGIONAL
25 PLANNING COMMISSION ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2015. THE ACTON TOWN

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1 COUNCIL IS OPPOSED TO THE PROJECT AND HAS WRITTEN LETTERS OF
2 OPPOSITION TO MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL, TESTIFIED AT THE
3 COMMISSION HEARING IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROJECT. THE DECISION
4 OF THE COMMISSION WAS APPEALED TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON
5 SEPTEMBER 29, 2015 BY AN ACTON RESIDENT WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE
6 ACTON TOWN COUNCIL, WHO PROVIDED ADD A DETAILED APPEAL LETTER
7 EXPLAINING WHY HE OPPOSES THE PROJECT. REGIONAL PLANNING STAFF
8 PREPARED A DETAILED RESPONSE TO THE APPEAL LETTER WHICH
9 ADDRESSES THE COMMENTS IN THE APPEAL LETTER, EXPLAINS HOW THE
10 PROJECT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE APPLICABLE PLANNING, ZONING AND
11 OTHER REQUIREMENTS, AND WHY STAFF BELIEVES THAT THE PROJECT
12 SHOULD BE APPROVED. STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT THE BOARD FIND THE
13 PROJECT QUALIFIES FOR A CLASS 3 CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION UNDER
14 THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL
15 DOCUMENT REPORTING PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE COUNTY
16 AND THAT THE BOARD DENY THE APPEAL AND UPHOLD THE REGIONAL
17 PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO.
18 2014-00142 AND INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE
19 NECESSARY FINDINGS TO AFFIRM THE REGIONAL PLANNING
20 COMMISSION'S APPROVAL. THIS CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE THE APPELLANT CHRISTOPHER
23 CROISDALE. WE HAVE FOUR MINUTES, AND THE APPLICANT, THERE ARE
24 TWO BUT TOGETHER THEY'LL GET FOUR MINUTES, S.G. ELLISON AND
25 CHRIS CZYZ. I GUESS IT'S THE PRONUNCIATION. C.Z.Y.Z. YES, SIR.

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1

2 **CHRISTOPHER CROISDALE:** GOOD MORNING, AND THANK YOU FOR LETTING
3 ME COME IN AND SPEAK TODAY. FOR THE FEE AND FILING FEE, IT'S
4 GOING RUN ABOUT \$200 A MINUTE FOR ME TO SPEAK AND I APPRECIATE
5 THAT OPPORTUNITY TO PAY IT. TO BEGIN WITH, I AM THE HIGHEST
6 RANKING ELECTED OFFICIAL IN THE TOWN OF ACTON, SO I'M NOT HERE
7 SPEAKING ON MY OWN BEHALF. I'M HERE SPEAKING FOR THE PEOPLE.
8 AS ALL OF YOU REPRESENT THE PEOPLE AND YOU WANT TO DO WHAT'S
9 RIGHT FOR THE PEOPLE, THAT'S WHAT I'M HERE TO DO TODAY. TO
10 START WITH, I HAVE OVER 700 SIGNATURES IN SIGNING A PETITION
11 ALONG WITH VERIFIABLE ADDRESSES WHICH REPRESENTS IN NUMBERS UP
12 TO 28 PERCENT OF OUR HOUSEHOLDS, ALL AGAINST THE TACO BELL.
13 TACO BELL IS NOT THAT WE ARE AGAINST THEIR BUSINESS. WE ARE
14 STRICTLY AGAINST THE DRIVE-THRU, AND I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY
15 THAT. THEIR BUSINESS IS MORE THAN WELCOME TO COME TO OUR TOWN
16 AND OPEN. BUT DRIVE-THRUS ARE SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE FOUGHT
17 FOR MANY YEARS TO LIMIT AND NOT ALLOW ANYMORE INTO OUR TOWN.
18 THE TRAFFIC THAT HAPPENS IN OUR TOWN IS IMMENSE, ESPECIALLY IN
19 THE MORNINGS, WHICH I'M SURE THEIR TRAFFIC STUDIES DID NOT GO
20 OUT AND LOOK AT. BUT AT 5:30 AND 6:00 IN THE MORNING WHEN TACO
21 BELL WOULD BE SERVING THEIR BREAKFAST MENU ON SIERRA HIGHWAY
22 ON THE CORNER THAT THEY HAVE THEIR STOP ON THAT THEY WANT TO
23 BUILD ON, TRAFFIC BACKS UP FOR ALMOST A HALF A MILE. IT TAKES
24 YOU 20 MINUTES TO GO HALF A MILE IN OUR LITTLE RURAL TOWN.
25 WITH THAT SAID, I JUST WANTED TO BASICALLY READ OUR

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1 INFORMATION THAT WE PUT OUT TOGETHER. WE ARE CATEGORICALLY
2 DISAGREE WITH THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATION. AND I
3 BELIEVE THAT IT'S BECAUSE NONE OF THEM LIVE IN A RURAL
4 COMMUNITY AND THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND RURAL PLANNING. AND THEY
5 LOOK LIKE VERY NICE GENTLEMEN. BUT THERE'S NOT A LOT OF SUITS
6 AND TIES IN OUR TOWN. I HAVE ONE JACKET AND I'M WEARING IT
7 TODAY.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND A NICE LADY.

10

11 **CHRISTOPHER CROISDALE:** THANK YOU. THE R.P.C. APPROVED THE TACO
12 BELL PROJECT UNDER THE 1986 ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA PLAN. HOWEVER
13 THE 1986 ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA PLAN CLASSIFIES TACO BELL AS A
14 HIGHWAY-ORIENTED COMMERCIAL LAND USE AND REQUIRES THAT IT BE
15 LOCATED IN AREAS OTHER THAN AND IN ADDITION TO LANDS ALREADY
16 DESIGNATED AS COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL. THE R.P.C. IGNORED THIS
17 GENERAL PLAN CONSTRAINT AND IMPROPERLY APPROVED THE HIGHWAY-
18 ORIENTED TACO BELL ON LAND DESIGNATED FOR COMMUNITY
19 COMMERCIAL. ANY BUSINESS THAT IS GOING TO PULL 80 TO 90
20 PERCENT OF THEIR BUSINESS THROUGH A DRIVE-THRU OFF OF A
21 FREEWAY IS NOT SERVING OUR COMMUNITY. WE WILL JUST BE
22 ANNIHILATED BY THIS. NORMALLY THE PROBLEM IS REMEDIED BY
23 AMMENDING THE 1986 PLAN, BUT THIS OPTION IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR
24 TACO BELL, BECAUSE THE 1986 A.V. AREA PLAN HAS BEEN ITSELF
25 SUPERCEDED AND NO LONGER EXISTS. IN ADDITION TO PRECLUDING

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1 HIGHWAY-ORIENTED COMMERCIAL PROJECTS ON C COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL
2 LAND, THE 1986 A.V. AREA PLAN ALSO SUBJECTS SUCH PROJECTS TO
3 ENTIRELY DIFFERENT DEVELOPMENTAL STANDARDS, WHICH WERE IGNORED
4 BY THE R.P.C. THE R.P.C. FAILED TO CORRECTLY ANALYZE THE
5 PROJECT AS A HIGHWAY-ORIENTED COMMERCIAL USE UNDER THE 1986
6 A.V. AREA PLAN AND WRONGLY APPROVED THE PROJECT ON A SITE
7 WHICH LACKS THE PROPER LAND USE DESIGNATION. THESE ARE FACTS.
8 THERE'S NO INTERPRETATION ABOUT THIS. IT IS AN ABSOLUTE FACT.
9 IT IS WRONGLY-ZONED PROPERTY FOR THIS BUSINESS TO GO ON. UNDER
10 THE 1980 COUNTRYWIDE PLAN, THE 1986 A.V. AREA PLAN AND THE
11 RECENTLY ADOPTED TOWN AND COUNTRY PLAN, THE COUNTY IS NOT
12 PERMITTED TO APPROVE DEVELOPMENTS IN ACTON WHICH EXPAND THE
13 NEED FOR TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND OTHER URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE. THE
14 R.P.C. DECISION IGNORES THIS CONSTRAINT AND FAILS TO ADDRESS
15 THE FACT THAT TACO BELL WILL SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE TRAFFIC
16 LEVELS AT TWO INTERSECTIONS BEYOND THE POINT WHERE TRAFFIC
17 SIGNALS ARE REQUIRED. THE R.P.C.'S CONCLUSION THAT TACO BELL
18 WILL NOT CREATE ANY TRAFFIC IMPACTS IS PATENTLY INCORRECT. TO
19 WITH THE PROJECT IS LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF CROWN
20 VALLEY AND SIERRA HIGHWAY, WHERE EXISTING TRAFFIC LEVELS
21 ALREADY MEET THE COUNTY'S THRESHOLD FOR TRAFFIC SIGNALIZATION,
22 AND IT WILL INCREASE THE PEAK EASTERLY TRAFFICK ONTO SIERRA
23 HIGHWAY FROM CROWN VALLEY BY 26 PERCENT IN THE MORNING AND BY
24 15 PERCENT IN THE AFTERNOON. THE TACO BELL PROJECT WILL
25 SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE TRAFFIC AT THE CROWN VALLEY SIERRA

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1 HIGHWAY INTERSECTION, WHERE A TRAFFIC SIGNAL IS ALREADY
2 WARRANTED. HOW CAN WE INCREASE TRAFFIC WHEN IT'S ALREADY
3 WARRANTED?

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

6

7 **CHRISTOPHER CROISDALE:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. YES, SIR.

10

11 **S.G. ELLISON:** BOARD MEMBERS, THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME. MY NAME
12 IS S.G. ELLISON WITH FIRST STREET DEVELOPMENT REPRESENTING THE
13 USE AND THE BREVIDORO FAMILY. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR THE
14 LAST 18 MONTHS WITH THE TOWN TO COME UP WITH A PROJECT THAT
15 FITS THE CHARACTER AND RURAL CHARACTER OF THE TOWN. I'D REFER
16 YOU TO PAGE 2 OF THE PACKET THAT I SENT OUT TO YOU TO GIVE YOU
17 AN IDEA OF WHAT THE COMPATIBILITY LOOKS LIKE HERE. OVER THE
18 LAST 18 MONTHS, WHILE WE'VE WORKED THROUGH THAT, WE UNDERSTAND
19 THAT THAT CAN SOMETIMES BE A COMPLICATED AND PASSIONATE
20 PROCESS. IN THIS CASE, WHAT IS NOT AS COMPLICATED IS THE
21 ABILITY TO MEET OR EXCEED ALL THE GUIDELINES AND ORDINANCES
22 WHICH STAFF, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AND LEGAL HAS
23 THOROUGHLY VETTED. AS A BACKGROUND OUR PROJECT IS AT THE
24 NORTHEAST CORNER OF CROWN VALLEY AND SIERRA HIGHWAY. IT'S
25 CURRENTLY ADJACENT TO MCDONALD'S, SHELL, JACK-IN-THE- BOX, 76,

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1 THE ACTON PLAZA RETAIL CENTER. IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO OUR
2 PROPERTY IS THE FIRE STATION THAT THE BREVIDORO FAMILY HAD
3 DONATED THE LAND FOR SEVERAL YEARS AGO. THE LIBRARY IS JUST
4 NORTH OF THE SITE. IF YOU LOOK AT PAGE 3 OF THE PACKET I SENT
5 YOU, YOU CAN SEE THE CHARACTER OF THE BUILDINGS THAT ARE AT
6 THE INTERSECTION. SOME OF THEM ARE NOT RURAL IN NATURE. BUT WE
7 CERTAINLY ARE COMPATIBLE WITH THIS PARTICULAR INTERSECTION.
8 PAGE 4 OF THE PACKET I PASSED AROUND IS PROBABLY MOST TELLING
9 THAT WE ARE NOT LOOKING TO BE A FREEWAY-ORIENTED USE. WE
10 CERTAINLY ARE LOOKING AT THIS AS A COMMUNITY-SERVICING USE, A
11 SERVICE AND AN OFFERING THAT ISN'T CURRENTLY IN TOWN. WHEN YOU
12 LOOK AT THE TOWN OF ACTON, THE COURT, TOWN AND RURAL DOWNTOWN
13 IS ABOUT 2 MILES SOUTH OF THIS INTERSECTION. CURRENTLY AT THE
14 INTERSECTION OF SIERRA HIGHWAY AND CROWN VALLEY, THERE ARE
15 FREEWAY SIGNS THAT ARE 25 TO 50 FEET HIGH. WE ARE BEING
16 RESPECTFUL OF THE CURRENT NATURE OF THE CHARACTER OF THE SIDE
17 BY ONLY SHOWING A 5-FOOT SIGN. IF YOU LOOK AT THE ELEVATIONS
18 AND RENDERINGS THAT WE HAVE DONE AND THE DESIGN, IT'S STRICTLY
19 A FRONTIER STYLE. THERE'S NO OTHER TACO BELL IN THE COUNTRY
20 LIKE IT. IT'S VERY, VERY SIMILAR TO THE ACTON MARKET AND WHAT
21 IT LOOKS LIKE DOWNTOWN. WE HAVE INSTITUTED HORSE TRAILS AND
22 LARGER PARKING AREAS FOR LARGER TRUCKS. WE'VE BEEN WORKING
23 WITH THE TOWN FOR ABOUT A YEAR AND TRYING TO INSTITUTE SOME OF
24 THOSE ITEMS THAT THEY WERE REALLY ADAMANT ABOUT. THERE'S BEEN
25 A LOT OF SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT. I KNOW THEY HAVE SEVERAL

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1 SIGNATURES THAT OPPOSE. MANY OF THE SUPPORTERS THAT SHOWED UP
2 AT TOWN COUNCIL WERE SORT OF SHOVED OUT AND INTIMIDATED OUT OF
3 BEING WHY DO THEY SUPPORT IT BY THE TOWN COUNCIL BOARD. MANY
4 MEMBERS HAVE SUBMITTED SIGNATURES OF SUPPORT. WE HAD 120
5 SIGNATURES AT THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, AND WE HAVE
6 SEVERAL PEOPLE HERE TO TALK ABOUT SUPPORT. THERE'S ECONOMIC
7 IMPACT. WE HAVE ABOUT 30 NEW JOBS COMING INTO THE TOWN, WHICH
8 IS MUCH NEEDED, \$450,000 IN WAGES, ABOUT A MILLION FIVE NOW IN
9 CONSTRUCTION INVESTMENT WITH THE ENHANCEMENTS THAT WE MADE. IN
10 SUMMARY, WE MEET AND EXCEED THE 1986 A.V. PLAN. WE MEET THE
11 1980 COUNTY PLAN AND THE '86 A.V. AREA PLAN. WITH REGARD TO
12 THE NEW CODES, R.C. ZONING AND TOWN & COUNTRY PLAN, WE COULD
13 MEET THOSE, AS WELL. TRAFFIC STUDIES HAVE BEEN DONE PER PUBLIC
14 WORKS THROUGH THE I.C.E. THERE WAS AN ADDITIONAL STUDY WHICH
15 THE H.S.M. THE PROJECT IS SMALL. IT HAS LITTLE TO NO INCREASED
16 IMPACT IN TRAFFIC. IT'S WELL-DESIGNED, HAS MUCH NEEDED
17 ECONOMIC IMPACT. WE REQUEST THE BOARD AND ENCOURAGE THE
18 STAFF'S THOROUGH VETTING AND UPHOLD THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S
19 STRONG POSITION OF APPROVAL. AND WE REQUEST YOU DENY THE
20 APPEAL. THANK YOU.

21
22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. BEFORE I CALL UP THE PUBLIC
23 WHO ARE ALSO AT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY LANCASTER LIBRARY AND
24 THOSE IN THE AUDIENCE HERE, LET ME ASK THE REGIONAL PLANNING

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1 STAFF, IS THE APPLICANT SUBJECT TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS
2 OF THE NEWLY ADOPTED VALLEY ANTELOPE PLAN?

3

4 **SPEAKER:** NO, IT'S NOT. IT'S NOT BECAUSE IT WAS SUBMITTED
5 BEFORE THE CURRENT PLAN WAS ADOPTED, AND THERE'S A SPECIFIC
6 EXEMPTION FOR THAT.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DOES THE PROJECT COMPLY WITH THE NEWLY
9 ADOPTED ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA PLAN?

10

11 **RICHARD CLAGHORN:** YES.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ARE USES THAT HAVE DRIVE-THRUS,
14 FACILITIES CONSIDERED LOCAL COMMERCIAL USES THAT SERVE
15 COMMUNITY RESIDENTS?

16

17 **RICHARD CLAGHORN:** POTENTIALLY THEY COULD BE.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SAY THAT AGAIN.

20

21 **RICHARD CLAGHORN:** POTENTIALLY.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** POTENTIALLY. IS THERE A PROVISION IN
24 THE AREA PLAN THAT PROHIBITS USE THAT SERVE TRAVELERS ALONG
25 THE 14?

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1

2 **RICHARD CLAGHORN:** YES, BUT ONLY FOR HIGH-INTENSITY REGIONAL
3 USES.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE SECOND POINT RAISED BY THE TOWN
6 COUNCIL IS THAT THE PROJECT GENERATES TRAFFIC LEVELS BEYOND
7 THE POINT WHERE TRAFFIC SIGNALS ARE REQUIRED. THIS VIOLATES
8 PROVISIONS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA PLAN WHICH EXCLUSIVELY
9 LIMITS DEVELOPMENT THAT RESULTS IN TRAFFIC SIGNALS BECAUSE
10 THEY DO NOT FIT WITH THE COMMUNITY'S UNIQUE RURAL CHARACTER
11 AND IDENTITY. DOES THIS PROJECT REQUIRE TRAFFIC SIGNALS?

12

13 **EMIKO THOMPSON:** HONORABLE MAYOR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME
14 IS EMIKO THOMPSON, PRINCIPAL ENGINEER WITH PUBLIC WORKS. A
15 TRAFFIC SIGNAL WARRANT ANALYSIS WAS NOT CONDUCTED BY THE
16 CONTRACTOR, SINCE THE TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS DETERMINED THAT
17 THE PROJECT IS NOT EXPECTED TO HAVE A SIGNIFICANT
18 TRANSPORTATION IMPACT AT THE SAID INTERSECTION. HAD THE
19 TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS DETERMINED A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WOULD
20 HAVE RESULTED, THEN THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN A NEXUS FOR A
21 TRAFFIC SIGNAL OR ANALYSIS TO BE CONDUCTED.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WOULD THE LEVEL OF SERVICE ON LOCAL
24 ROADS DROP?

25

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1 **EMIKO THOMPSON:** YES, THE LEVEL OF SERVICE DID LOWER AT THE
2 STUDIED INTERSECTIONS; HOWEVER, THE DIFFERENCE WAS NOT LARGE
3 ENOUGH TO TRIGGER A SIGNIFICANT TRANSPORTATION IMPACT.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ARE TRAFFIC SIGNALS PROHIBITED IN
6 ACTON AS PART OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA PLAN UPDATE?

7

8 **RICHARD CLAGHORN:** NO, BUT THEY ARE DISCOURAGED. IT SAYS THAT
9 THEY ARE DISCOURAGED.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE THIRD POINT RAISED BY THE TOWN
12 COUNCIL, ACCORDING TO THE INSTITUTE OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERS, FAST
13 FOOD DRIVE-THRU BUSINESSES GENERATE THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE
14 TRAFFIC LOADS PER UNIT AREA AND ARE SECOND ONLY TO CONVENIENCE
15 STORES. THE FAST FOOD DRIVE-THRU BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE
16 COMMISSION IS A HIGH INTENSITY USE, AND IT VIOLATES PROVISIONS
17 OF THE PLAN THAT PROHIBITS HIGH INTENSITY COMMERCIAL USES IN
18 ACTON. THEREFORE IS THIS FAST FOOD ESTABLISHMENT CONSIDERED A
19 HIGH INTENSITY USE?

20

21 **RICHARD CLAGHORN:** NO, IT IS NOT CONSIDERED HIGH INTENSITY.

22

23 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** IN FACT, LET ME JUST ADD TO THAT, MR. MAYOR.
24 I THINK THIS USE HAS ABOUT 59 SEATS. SO IT IS FAIRLY, ALTHOUGH

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1 THE TYPE OF USE GENERATES TRAFFIC, THE USE ITSELF IS A FAIRLY
2 LOW INTENSITY.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHAT DOES THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDER AS
5 HIGH INTENSITY USES?

6

7 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** IF YOU LOOKED AT A COSTCO OR ONE OF THOSE
8 LARGE BOX RETAIL USES THAT FREQUENTLY ARE ADJACENT TO THE
9 FREEWAY, THOSE ARE THE TYPES OF USES THAT WERE INTENDED TO BE
10 DISCOURAGED, IN OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE PLAN.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** FOR RURAL AREAS, IS THERE A DEFINITION
13 OF INTENSITY USE VERSUS AN URBAN AREA?

14

15 **RICHARD CLAGHORN:** IT'S NOT DEFINED, NO.

16

17 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** IT'S OPEN. BUT IN THE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE
18 COMMUNITY OVER HIGH INTENSITY DURING THE ADOPTION OF THE PLAN,
19 WE WENT BACK AND TALKED TO THE PLANNERS WHO WERE INVOLVED IN
20 THAT, AND THE TYPES OF USES THAT WERE DISCOURAGED OR NOT
21 ALLOWED WERE THOSE LARGE BOX USES THAT GENERATE THOUSANDS OF
22 TRIPS.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE FOURTH POINT RAISED BY THE TOWN
25 COUNCIL WAS ACCORDING TO THE DEVELOPER, FAST FOOD DRIVE-THRU

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1 BUSINESS IS INTENDED TO SERVE TRAVELERS ON THE 14 FREEWAY,
2 SPECIFICALLY LOCATED IN ACTON FOR THAT PURPOSE. THE PROJECT
3 WOULD SERVE REGIONAL CUSTOMERS TRAVELING TO AND FROM URBAN
4 AREAS IN BOTH VALLEYS, ANTELOPE AND SANTA CLARITA, ALONG WITH
5 THE GREATER LOS ANGELES BASIN, THUS A CLEARLY REGIONAL USE,
6 WHICH WOULD VIOLATE PROVISIONS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA
7 PLAN THAT PROHIBITS REGIONAL COMMERCIAL USES IN ACTON.

8 THEREFORE, IS THERE A PROVISION IN THE AREA PLAN THAT
9 PROHIBITS USES THAT DRAW CUSTOMERS OFF THE FREEWAY?

10

11 **RICHARD CLAGHORN:** NO, EXCEPT FOR THE ONE THAT I MENTIONED
12 ABOUT HIGH INTENSITY REGIONAL USES.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IS THIS CONSIDERED A REGIONAL USE? AND
15 IF NOT, THEN WHAT IS AN EXAMPLE OF A REGIONAL USE?

16

17 **RICHARD CLAGHORN:** NO. JUST LIKE THE ONES WE MENTIONED, LIKE A
18 COSTCO, MAYBE A LARGE CAR DEALERSHIP.

19

20 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** ONES THAT YOU WOULD TRAVEL FROM ONE PORTION
21 OF THE REGION TO ANOTHER PORTION OF THE REGION SPECIFICALLY
22 FOR THAT USE. SO YOU WOULD POTENTIALLY DRIVE 15, 20 MILES FOR
23 A COSTCO OR 15 OR 20 MILES FOR A WALMART OR ONE OF THOSE LARGE
24 RETAIL OR SPECIALTY RETAIL. THIS IS A CONVENIENCE USE. ALL

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1 ALONG THE HIGHWAY, CERTAINLY ALONG THE HIGHWAY AND CERTAINLY
2 FOR LOCALS.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHAT WOULD YOU CONSIDER AN IN-N-OUT
5 BURGER, BECAUSE THEY HAVE MILE AFTER MILE OF CARS WHEREVER
6 THEY'RE LOCATED.

7

8 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** I'M NOT SURE YOU WOULD DRIVE THE 10 OR 15
9 MILES WITHIN A REGION FOR AN IN-N-OUT BURGER, ALTHOUGH I'M
10 SURE SOME WOULD.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** PEOPLE ARE ADDICTED.

13

14 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** UNLIKE A COSTCO, WHICH HAS A MUCH MORE
15 REGIONAL CONTEXT, AND THEY WOULD NOT PUT ONE COSTCO WITHIN,
16 SAY, 8 MILES OF ANOTHER ONE. SO IT WOULD DOMINATE THE REGION.
17 THIS TYPE OF USE, THEY WOULD MAYBE SEVERAL WITHIN THE REGION.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? WE'LL GO TO
20 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND CALL UP SUSAN ZAHNTER. ASHLEY HINKEL.
21 I'M GOING TO CALL UP THREE AT A TIME SO YOU CAN BE WAITING.
22 AND CHRISTINE HINKEL. GOOD MORNING -- GOOD AFTERNOON NOW.
23 SUSAN?

24

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1 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND SUPERVISORS.
2 THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING THIS VENUE HERE IN LANCASTER FOR US.
3 I'M INTERIM DIRECTOR OF THE ASSOCIATION OF RURAL TOWN
4 COUNCILS, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE THREE POINTS --

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE LOOKING LIKE KERMIT
7 THE FROG. IT'S THE TELEVISION. IT'S A LITTLE BLURRY. START
8 FROM THE BEGINNING.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** OH, WELL, THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING THE VENUE HERE. I'M
11 INTERIM DIRECTOR OF THE ASSOCIATION OF RURAL TOWN COUNCILS, OF
12 WHICH ACTON IS A MEMBER. I'M ALSO VICE PRESIDENT OF THE THREE
13 POINTS-LIEBRE MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL. AND I WANT TO SAY FOR
14 YEARS, RURAL TOWN COUNCILS AND RURAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE
15 WORKED WITH REGIONAL PLANNING TO ASSURE LANGUAGE IN THE
16 ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA PLAN WOULD DIRECT AND GUIDE DEVELOPMENT
17 APPROPRIATE TO EACH UNIQUE RURAL COMMUNITY IN THE NORTHERN LOS
18 ANGELES COUNTY. I WANT TO SAY THAT THE 1980 ANTELOPE VALLEY
19 AREA PLAN AS WELL AS THE 1986 PLAN DEFINES PROTECTING UNIQUE
20 RURAL COMMUNITIES AND APPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT FOR THOSE,
21 INCLUDING, WOULD INCLUDE TRAFFIC. DESPITE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE IN
22 THOSE PLANS, PROHIBITING HIGH INTENSITY USES AND DESPITE
23 LANGUAGE IN ACTON'S COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT DOCUMENTS,
24 WHICH ALSO PROHIBITING HIGH INTENSITY USES, REGIONAL PLANNING
25 HAS INTERPRETED THIS LANGUAGE TO MEAN THE PROJECT IN QUESTION

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1 IS LOW INTENSITY AND COMMUNITY-SERVING. TOWN COUNCILS DESERVE
2 TO KNOW THEIR WORK HAS MEANING, AND THAT LANGUAGE IN THE
3 ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA PLAN AND COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT
4 DOCUMENTS ASSURE -- WE NEED ASSURANCE THAT REASONABLE
5 INTERPRETATION AS THEY APPLY TO THIS PROJECT AND FUTURE
6 PROJECTS IN RURAL COMMUNITIES BETTER DEFINED AND PROTECTIVE.
7 AND THAT'S -- SOME COUNCILS WORKED DAYS, MONTHS, YEARS,
8 PUTTING TOGETHER C.S.D.'S. THEY WON'T MEAN ANYTHING IF THIS
9 PROJECT IS APPROVED, BASED ON THE INTERPRETATION OF THE
10 LANGUAGE THAT REGIONAL PLANNING HAS PROVIDED. THE ASSOCIATION
11 RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS YOUR SUPPORT OF THE ACTON TOWN COUNCIL
12 APPEAL AND THAT YOU DENY THIS PROJECT.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. ASHLEY?

19

20 **ASHLEY HINKEL:** HI, MY NAME IS ASHLEY HINKEL, AND I AM A
21 RESIDENT OF ACTON. I DON'T AGREE WITH THE TACO BELL BECAUSE IT
22 IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH THE RURAL THEME OF ACTON. THANK YOU FOR
23 YOUR TIME.

24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. CHRISTINE HINKEL? AND
2 SHE'LL BE FOLLOWED, NEXT WILL BE SHARON SIMONS AND JEAN LAIRD.
3 YES, MA'AM. CHRISTINE.

4

5 **CHRISTINE LENCHES-HINKEL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE MAYOR AND
6 RESPECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS CHRISTINE LENCHES-
7 HINKEL, AND I AM A NEW RESIDENT OF ACTON, HAVING MOVED FROM
8 THE ALTADENA-PASADENA AREA, WHERE BOTH MY HUSBAND AND I WERE
9 RAISED. MY FAMILY CAME TO ACTON FOR THE RURAL LIFESTYLE TO
10 RAISE OUR TWO DAUGHTERS, NOW 10 AND 12, WITHOUT THE
11 DISTRACTIONS OF URBAN AMENITIES, INCLUDING ALL OF THE FAST
12 FOOD CHAINS, BIG BOX STORES AND CORPORATE CONVENIENCE
13 ENTERPRISES. MY HUSBAND AND I WANTED TO PROVIDE OUR CHILDREN
14 WITH A MORE SIMPLE WAY OF LIVING THAT IS SUSTAINABLE AND
15 HEALTHY. I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT THE STAFF AND THE PLANNING
16 COMMISSION WERE REMISS IN THEIR DECISION TO APPROVE THE TACO
17 BELL PROJECT. MY BACKGROUND IS IN ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND
18 ANALYSIS, HAVING CONDUCTED NUMEROUS C.E.Q.A AND N.E.P.A-
19 RELATED IMPACT ANALYSIS ON A VARIETY OF PUBLIC-RELATED
20 PROJECTS. LAND USE IMPACTS, AS YOU KNOW, IS A MAJOR ELEMENT.
21 AND I WOULD ARGUE AND CONCLUDE THAT THE PROJECT IS
22 INCONSISTENT WITH THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA PLAN AND THAT THE
23 BOARD MOVE TO APPROVE THE APPEAL AND OPPOSE THE PROJECT. I
24 MYSELF TOOK THE TIME TO LISTEN TO THE PUBLIC HEARING
25 RECORDINGS ON SEPTEMBER 16TH AFTER LEARNING OF THIS MATTER,

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1 BECAUSE I WANTED TO KNOW FOR MYSELF WHAT WAS THE BASIS FOR
2 APPROVING THE PROJECT. WHAT I HEARD AND WITNESSED WAS SHOCKING
3 AND EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTING, AND THE OUTCOME HAS DIMINISHED MY
4 TRUST IN OUR REGIONAL PLANNING AUTHORITY AND PUBLIC PROCESS.
5 WHAT WAS MOST ALARMING WAS THE LACK OF DISCUSSION OR
6 DELIBERATION AFTER THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ENDED. ALL THE
7 ARGUMENTS AND EVIDENCE PRESENTED BY THE TOWN COUNCILMEMBERS
8 WERE IGNORED OUTRIGHT AND NOT EVEN ACKNOWLEDGED, YET THE
9 BURDEN OF PROOF WAS ON THEM. FROM A REGULATORY COMPLIANCE
10 STANDPOINT, THEY CERTAINLY DELIVERED A CONVINCING ARGUMENT OR
11 CASE AS IS EVIDENCED IN THEIR PREVIOUS LETTERS TO THE
12 COMMISSION, THEIR REFERENCE TO VARIOUS TECHNICAL REPORTS OF
13 THE A.V.P., AND THE OVERWHELMING NUMBER OF LETTERS SUBMITTED
14 IN OPPOSITION. I BROUGHT MY TWO DAUGHTERS TO TAKE PART IN THIS
15 PUBLIC PROCESS, AND I PRAY THAT THE BOARD HONORS THE PROCESS
16 IN KIND. I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO MAKE IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT
17 FAST FOOD CHAINS ARE NOT RURAL COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. SHARON SIMONS? THEN SHE'LL
20 BE FOLLOWED WITH JEAN LAIRD. GOOD MORNING, OR GOOD AFTERNOON.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
23 EXPRESS MY VIEWS. I AM VERY CONCERNED BY THE RECENT
24 MISINTERPRETATION OF THE NEWLY ADOPTED TOWN & COUNTRY ANTELOPE
25 AREA PLAN THAT WAS MADE BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION IN

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1 ISSUING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE REFERENCED PROJECT.
2 SPECIFICALLY, THE COMMISSION FOUND THAT A FREEWAY-SERVING,
3 DRIVE-THRU COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT WHICH WOULD PULL A THOUSAND
4 VEHICLES PER DAY OFF THE FREEWAY INTO THE RURAL EQUESTRIAN
5 COMMUNITY OF ACTON WAS CONSISTENT WITH THE TOWN AND COUNTRY
6 PLAN, EVEN THOUGH THE PLAN SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITS SUCH
7 DEVELOPMENT. IN APPROVING THE FAST FOOD DRIVE-THRU PROJECT,
8 THE COMMISSION IGNORED THAT THE PROJECT WILL GENERATE TRAFFIC
9 LEVELS BEYOND THE POINT WHERE TRAFFIC SIGNALS ARE REQUIRED.
10 WHICH YOU'VE ALREADY HEARD. THIS VIOLATES THE PLAN, WHICH
11 EXPLICITLY LIMITS DEVELOPMENT THAT RESULTS IN TRAFFIC SIGNALS,
12 BECAUSE THEY DO NOT FIT WITH THE COMMUNITY'S UNIQUE RURAL
13 COMMUNITY CHARACTER AND IDENTITY. ACCORDING TO THE DEVELOPER,
14 THE FAST FOOD DRIVE-THRU BUSINESS IS INTENDED TO SERVE
15 TRAVELERS, AS YOU'VE ALREADY SAID, ON THE 14 FREEWAY AND IS
16 SPECIFICALLY LOCATED IN ACTON FOR THIS VERY PURPOSE. IT IS AS
17 IF OUR COMMUNITY IS BEING USED. THE PROJECT WILL SERVE
18 REGIONAL CUSTOMERS TRAVELING TO AND FROM THE GREATER LOS
19 ANGELES AREA OUT TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA. IT IS CLEARLY A
20 REGIONAL USE AND THEREFORE VIOLATES THE PROVISION OF THE TOWN
21 & COUNTRY PLAN. I WAS VERY CONCERNED BY THE MENTION OF
22 CHARACTER OF BUILDING AND THE BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY, WHICH
23 I FIND HARD TO BELIEVE, WHEN IT IS A COMMUNITY BUSINESS. THANK
24 YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. JEAN LAIRD AND THEN ANGELA
2 TOGHIA.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THE PLANNING COMMISSION WRONGLY
5 ASSUMED THAT THE TACO BELL PROJECT COMPLIES WITH THE FINDING
6 MADE IN 1992 THAT DEVELOPMENT AT THE PROJECT SITE MUST BE IN
7 ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEEDS AND THE DESIRES OF THE COMMUNITY. AS
8 EVIDENCED BY THE HUNDREDS OF SIGNED PETITIONS THAT HAVE BEEN
9 FILED WITH THE BOARD SECRETARY, TACO BELL PROJECT IS CLEARLY
10 NOT IN ACCORD WITH THE NEEDS AND DESIRES OF THE COMMUNITY. YOU
11 SAW THAT PILE THAT CHRIS SHOWED YOU. THAT'S ONLY A HANDFUL OF
12 THE PEOPLE WHO DO NOT WANT TO SEE THIS TACO BELL PROJECT COME
13 TO FRUITION. IT'S A FREEWAY-DEPENDENT DRIVE-THRU BUSINESS THAT
14 IS LOCATED AND DESIGNED SOLELY TO SERVE COMMUTERS. FOR DECADES
15 THAT COMMUNITY OF ACTON HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT FREEWAY-
16 ORIENTED DRIVE-THRU BUSINESSES ARE NEITHER WANTED NOR NEEDED,
17 BECAUSE OF THE TRASH, THE NOISE, AND OTHER IMPACTS THEY
18 CREATE, AND BECAUSE THEY ARE COMMUTER-SERVING AND NOT
19 COMMUNITY-SERVING. PLEASE DO NOT MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE AS THE
20 PLANNING COMMISSION AND UPHOLD THE ACTON TOWN COUNCIL'S
21 APPEAL. WHEN IT APPROVED THE TACO BELL PROJECT, THE PLANNING
22 COMMISSION WRONGLY CONCLUDED THAT HAD THE PROJECT DID NOT
23 REQUIRE A VARIANCE, BECAUSE THE SIGNAGE WAS ENTIRELY
24 CONSISTENT WITH THE ACTON COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT. THE
25 PLANNING COMMISSION WAS VERY MUCH MISTAKEN. THE PROJECT

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1 SIGNAGE REQUIRES A VARIANCE FROM THE ACTON COMMUNITY STANDARDS
2 DISTRICT, BECAUSE IT IS NOT A WESTERN MOTIF. IS THOROUGHLY
3 MODERN. IT CONSISTS OF GARNISHED NEON PINK AND PURPLE. IT
4 APPEARS TO EXCEED THE ESTABLISHED AREA LIMITS, AND IT IS
5 INTENDED TO BE ADVERTISING IN NATURE RATHER THAN SIMPLY TO
6 IDENTIFY THE BUSINESS LOCATION. I URGE YOU, BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS, PLEASE DO NOT MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE AS THE
8 PLANNING COMMISSION HAS MADE. PLEASE FIND THAT THE PROJECT
9 DOES INDEED VIOLATE THE ACTON COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT,
10 AND ON THAT BASIS, PLEASE UPHOLD THE COUNCIL'S APPEAL. THANK
11 YOU.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. ANGELA AND THEN RICARDO
14 SIMMONS, OR SIMONS. AND THE LAST ONE FOR THE ANTELOPE VALLEY
15 IS LAURIE BECK.

16

17 **ANGELA TOGHIA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I AM IN STRONG OPPOSITION. MY
18 NAME IS ANGELA TOGHIA, AND I'VE BEEN A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF
19 THE ACTON COMMUNITY. I'M IN STRONG OPPOSITION OF THE TACO BELL
20 WITH FREEWAY-SERVING THRIVE-THROUGH. IT'S NOT THAT THE TOWN IS
21 AGAINST TACO BELL; IT'S AGAINST THE DRIVE-THRU PORTION OF THE
22 DEVELOPMENT. I AM EXTREMELY CONCERNED WITH PLANNING
23 COMMISSION'S INTERPRETATION OF THE A.V. GENERAL PLAN THAT
24 BUSINESSES BE COMMUNITY-SERVING AND NOT FREEWAY-SERVING ARE
25 BEING IGNORED. THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMUNITY OPPOSES FREEWAY-

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1 SERVING BUSINESSES. THIS PAST SATURDAY, I WAS DRIVING DOWN
2 SIERRA HIGHWAY AND LOOKED OVER AS I WAS PASSING THE MCDONALD'S
3 AND I SAW THREE YOUNG LADIES ON TOP OF THEIR HORSES AT THE
4 ORDER BOX THROUGH THE DRIVE-THRU OF MCDONALD'S. THAT WOULD
5 DISAPPEAR WITH THE TACO BELL PULLING TRAFFIC FROM THE FREEWAY.
6 I ALSO THINK IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL FOR THE PLANNING
7 COMMISSION TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE INDIVIDUAL THAT RESIDES IN A
8 RURAL COMMUNITY AS PART OF THE PLANNERS. AS IT IS NOW, WE HAVE
9 URBAN PLANNERS PLANNING AND APPROVING PROJECTS IN OUR RURAL
10 COMMUNITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, ANGELA. AND THEN RICARDO?
13 AND THE LAST SPEAKER WILL BE LAURIE.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU FOR THE TIME TO SPEAK.
16 THERE ARE SEVERAL TOWNS AND SMALL COMMUNITIES ALL OVER THIS
17 COUNTRY THAT WANT TO HAVE CORPORATE BUSINESS AND FAST FOOD
18 CHAINS PUT IN THEIR AREA TO HELP GROW AND PROSPER THEM. ACTON
19 IS NOT ONE OF THEM. THERE ARE LARGER CITIES THAT WANT TO HAVE
20 CORPORATE BUSINESSES AND FAST FOOD CHAINS PUT IN THEIR AREAS;
21 ACTON IS NOT ONE OF THEM. YOU SEE ACTON IS ALREADY A COMMUNITY
22 THAT IS WHAT IT WANTS TO BE. ACTON IS A COMMUNITY THAT HAS A
23 SMALL-TOWN FEEL. ACTON IS A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE COME TO GET
24 AWAY FROM BUSINESS AND FAST FOOD CHAINS. PUTTING ANOTHER FAST
25 FOOD STORE IN ACTON WOULD NOT BE PROSPERING THE COMMUNITY; IT

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1 WOULD ONLY BE TEARING IT DOWN. WE THE PEOPLE OF ACTON HAVE
2 JUST TURNED AWAY AN APPEAL FOR A MEDICAL MARIJUANA STORE IN
3 OUR TOWN. WE DO NOT WANT MORE TRAFFIC OR COMMERCIALIZATION IN
4 OUR COMMUNITY. WE ALSO DON'T WANT TO HAVE BUSINESSES IN OUR
5 TOWN THAT WILL BE A GATEWAY TO ANYTHING THAT WILL MAKE US
6 SOMETHING THAT WILL BE DETRACT FROM A SMALL TOWN FEEL OF A
7 RURAL AREA. PUTTING IN ANOTHER FAST FOOD STORE IN OUR TOWN
8 WOULD JUST BE ANOTHER GATEWAY AND THE BEGINNING OF TEARING US
9 DOWN. UNLIKE OTHER CITIES, ACTON DOES NOT WANT TO GROW LIKE
10 THAT IN OUR TOWN. WE HAVE PEACE AND QUIET. WE HAVE HORSES AND
11 TRAILS. WE HAVE OPEN SPACES. WE HAVE STARS IN THE SKY. ACTON
12 DOES NOT WANT TO BE ANOTHER CITY FILLED WITH FAST FOOD CHAINS
13 AND THE FAST PACE OF LIFE. WE THE PEOPLE OF ACTON THANK YOU
14 FOR HEARING US OUT AND SINCERELY HOPE YOU HEAR OUR HEARTS AND
15 AGREE WITH THE GUIDELINES AND THE SPIRIT OF THE ANTELOPE
16 VALLEY PLAN. PLEASE RESPECT OUR WISHES TO REMAIN A SMALL TOWN
17 WITH A SMALL TOWN FEEL HERE IN THE MIDST OF ONE OF THE LARGEST
18 CITIES IN AMERICA, THE GREAT CITY OF LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. LAURIE? WHILE LAURIE
21 IS COMING UP, LET ME CALL FOR HERE, JACQUELINE AYER, SUSAN
22 BAYER, SAMUEL DENE, D.E.N.E., DEANNE BOUBLIS. GOOD AFTERNOON.
23 YOU'RE ON.

24

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1 **PAM WOLTER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND BOARD
2 MEMBERS, MY NAME IS PAM WOLTER, I'M A 25-YEAR RESIDENT OF
3 ACTON, AND I'VE BEEN PRESIDENT OF THE ACTON-AGUA DULCE
4 BROKERS' ASSOCIATION FOR THOSE SAME 25 YEARS. I MUST SAY I AM
5 VERY DISTURBED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION DECISION TO ALLOW
6 THE TACO BELL PROJECT TO PROCEED DESPITE THE OVERWHELMING
7 COMMUNITY OBJECTION TO THE PROJECT AND THE LACK OF ADHERENCE
8 TO ACTON'S COMMUNITY STANDARDS AND THE A.V. GENERAL PLAN. THE
9 TACO BELL PROJECT IS INTENDED TO BE A HEAVILY TRAFFICKED
10 FREEWAY-DEPENDENT COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT THAT IS PROPOSED FOR
11 THE SOLE PURPOSE OF SERVING REGIONAL FREEWAY CUSTOMERS FROM
12 MAJOR URBAN CENTERS, INCLUDING THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, THE SANTA
13 CLARITA VALLEY, AND THE GREATER LOS ANGELES AREA. THE PROJECT
14 IS NOT NEIGHBORHOOD-SERVING OR EVEN COMMUNITY-DEPENDENT. IN
15 FACT, THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH HOUSEHOLDS IN ACTON'S ENTIRE 100
16 SQUARE MILE FOOTPRINT TO FURNISH EVEN 10 PERCENT OF TACO
17 BELL'S CUSTOMER BASE. THE DEVELOPER HAS INFORMED THE ACTON
18 TOWN COUNCIL AND THE COMMUNITY THAT THE PROJECT IS INTENDED TO
19 SERVE COMMUTERS ON THE 14 FREEWAY AND THAT THE PROJECT WAS
20 CHOSEN SPECIFICALLY FOR THIS PURPOSE. THESE DAILY COMMUTERS
21 TRAVEL TO AND FROM DISTANT URBAN REGIONS LOCATED MANY MILES
22 FROM ACTON. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE TACO BELL DRIVE-THRU
23 PROJECT BY DEFINITION IS A REGIONAL COMMERCIAL USE THAT IS
24 EXPLICITLY DESIGNED TO SERVE FREEWAY TRAVELERS FROM ALL OVER
25 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. I URGE YOU TO PLEASE CAREFULLY ASSESS

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1 WHAT THE ACTON RESIDENTS AND THE ACTON TOWN COUNCIL ARE
2 OBJECTING TO AND HELP US PRESERVE OUR C.S.D. THAT WE WORKED
3 MANY, MANY YEARS FOR AND OUR HISTORIC RURAL TOWN. THANK YOU
4 FOR YOUR TIME.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. THANK YOU. WE'LL GO
7 NOW TO LOS ANGELES, AND THANK YOU FOR THE PEOPLE IN THE
8 ANTELOPE VALLEY FOR COMING. OH, WE HAVE ONE MORE. WAIT, WAIT.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** YEAH, IT APPEARS THAT SOME OF OUR PEOPLE REGISTERED
11 BUT DIDN'T GET INCLUDED IN THE LIST.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IS THIS BRIAN PAPE AND JUDITH FUENTES?
14 OKAY. YOU'RE ON.

15

16 **BRIAN PAPE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS BRIAN
17 PAPE. I'M A RESIDENT OF ACTON. I'M HERE TO DISCUSS MY
18 OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED TACO BELL DRIVE-THRU PROJECT IN
19 ACTON AND TO SUPPORT THE APPEAL BY THE ACTON TOWN COUNCIL.
20 ACTON RESIDENTS HAVE CLEARLY EXPRESSED THEIR DESIRE TO
21 MAINTAIN A RURAL COMMUNITY, AND THIS HAS BEEN CODIFIED IN
22 INSTRUMENTS SUCH AS THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA PLAN, THE TOWN &
23 COUNTRY PLAN, AND THE COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT
24 REGULATIONS. THE PROPOSED FREEWAY-SERVING TACO BELL PROJECT IS
25 CLEARLY INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE COMMUNITY'S DESIRE AND THE

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1 ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA PLAN. LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS 600 MILES OF
2 FREEWAY AND 10 MILLION RESIDENTS. THERE'S CERTAINLY SPACE FOR
3 AND SHOULD BE ROOM FOR DIVERSITY AND OPINIONS AND LIFESTYLES
4 IN THIS COUNTY, INCLUDING A RURAL EQUESTRIAN LIFESTYLE AS
5 EXISTS IN ACTON. ARE YOU THE SUPERVISORS SO SHORT-SIGHTED AND
6 NARROW-MINDED THAT YOU WISH TO ENFORCE UNIFORMITY ACROSS THE
7 ENTIRE COUNTY? I DON'T THINK THAT YOU ARE. I BELIEVE THAT YOU
8 RECOGNIZE AND EMBRACE DIVERSITY IN ALL OF ITS FORMS AND WILL
9 SUPPORT THE ACTON RESIDENTS IN MAINTAINING THEIR RURAL
10 COMMUNITY, THEIR LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THEIR WAY OF LIFE BY
11 UPHOLDING THE ACTON TOWN COUNCIL'S APPEAL BY REJECTING THE
12 TACO BELL PROJECT. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ALSO JUDITH AND THEN RAILI PECK HAD
15 ALSO SIGNED UP WITH THE DOWNTOWN GROUP BUT HE'S IN ANTELOPE
16 VALLEY. SO RAILI? YES, MA'AM. JUDITH?

17

18 **JUDITH FUENTES:** MY NAME IS JUDITH FUENTES. I'M OPPOSED TO THIS
19 PROJECT. -- IN THEIR OPPOSITION. THE PROJECT DOES NOT ENHANCE
20 THE RURAL COMMUNITY AND SETS A PRECEDENCE FOR MORE FAST FOOD
21 RESTAURANTS AND A DRIVE-THRU WILL CAUSE MORE VEHICLE TRAFFIC
22 FROM THE 14 FREEWAY AND MORE POLLUTION. PLEASE SUPPORT THE
23 APPEAL. THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. RAILI? RAILI PECK?

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1

2 **SPEAKER:** LANCASTER.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT'S IT? OKAY. NOW WE'LL BEGIN.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND BOARD
7 MEMBERS. I HAD A STATEMENT, BUT I THINK I'M GOING TO SPEAK OFF
8 THE CUFF FOR A MOMENT. I'M AN ENGINEER. AND I SPENT A LOT OF
9 TIME STUDYING TECHNICAL ANALYSES AND REPORTS, SUCH AS TRAFFIC
10 STUDIES. YOUR STAFF IS NOT TELLING YOU THE TRUTH. WHEN I SAY
11 THAT ACCORDING TO THE INSTITUTE OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERS, FAST
12 FOOD DRIVE-THRU BUSINESSES ARE THE MOST INTENSE BUSINESSES
13 THAT EXIST, I AM SPEAKING THE TRUTH. THEY GENERATE MORE
14 TRAFFIC PER SQUARE FOOT OR PER THOUSAND SQUARE FOOT THAN ANY
15 OTHER TYPE OF COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT THAT EXISTS, OTHER THAN
16 CONVENIENCE STORES. SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU UNDERSTAND
17 THAT, BECAUSE WHAT YOU WERE TOLD IS COMPLETELY UNTRUE BY YOUR
18 STAFF. THE PROJECT, THE TACO BELL DRIVE-THRU PROJECT, IS
19 INTRINSICALLY INCOMPATIBLE WITH SURROUNDING LAND USES, BECAUSE
20 IT SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASES PEDESTRIAN HAZARDS ADJACENT TO OUR
21 MIDDLE SCHOOL AND IT INCREASES TRAFFIC AT OUR FREEWAY OFFRAMPS
22 BETWEEN THE SCHOOL AND THE LIBRARY, WHERE OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN
23 WALK EVERY DAY. THE FACT IS: ACTON'S FUTURE AS A RURAL
24 COMMUNITY TURNS ON YOUR DECISION TODAY. YOU PROBABLY DO NOT
25 KNOW THIS, BUT ACTON IS THE ONLY PLACE WHERE VACANT

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1 COMMERCIALLY ZONED FREEWAY OFFRAMP PROPERTY EXISTS BETWEEN
2 PALMDALE AND THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY LINE. ACTON HAS 30 SUCH
3 ACRES OF LAND WHICH, ACCORDING TO ALL OF OUR ADOPTED PLANNING
4 DOCUMENTS, IS NOT TO BE DEVELOPED WITH FREEWAY-SERVING
5 BUSINESSES. MARK MY WORDS: MANY, MANY FRANCHISE DEVELOPERS ARE
6 WATCHING WHAT YOU DO HERE TODAY. AND IF YOU ALLOW THE TACO
7 BELL DRIVE-THRU DEVELOPMENT TO PROCEED, A WHOLE SLEW OF
8 FREEWAY ORIENTED DRIVE THROUGH BUSINESSES WILL FOLLOW AND YOU
9 WILL HAVE NO BASIS TO STOP THEM. WE ARE ALREADY AWARE OF THE
10 RITE-AID DRIVE-THROUGH PROPOSED FOR THE PARCEL NEXT TO OUR
11 MIDDLE SCHOOL AND THE NEARBY PRIMA BURGER WITH THE DRIVE-THRU
12 ALL OF THESE BUSINESSES WILL BE ENTIRELY FREEWAY ORIENTED,
13 BECAUSE THEY SIMPLY CANNOT BE SUPPORTED BY ACTON'S SMALL
14 POPULATION OF ONLY 7,500 PEOPLE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

17

18 **SUSAN BAYER:** MY NAME IS SUSAN BAYER, AND I'VE LIVED IN THE
19 ACTON COMMUNITY FOR 23 YEARS. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST FROM
20 THE BOARD THAT CHRIS FROM THE TOWN COUNCIL BE ALLOWED TO TAKE
21 MY MINUTES. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. CHRIS, YOU CAN COME UP. GO ON.
24 YOUR TURN.

25

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1 **SAMUEL DENE:** HI, MY NAME IS SAMUEL DENE. I'M 17 YEARS OLD AND
2 CURRENTLY LIVING IN ACTON. I'VE LIVED IN ACTON ALL MY LIFE AND
3 ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE TO HELP STRENGTHEN
4 THE CULTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY. I SPEAK FOR THE SILENT MAJORITY
5 OF ACTON WHO ARE CURRENTLY UNABLE TO ATTEND THIS MEETING
6 BECAUSE OF WORK AND VARIOUS OTHER REASONS. AS I WALK AROUND
7 SCHOOL ONE KEY RECURRING THEME IS THE LACK OF CLOSE-TO-HOME
8 JOB AVAILABILITY. WITH THE OPENING OF A NEW TACO BELL HERE IN
9 ACTON, JOBS WILL BE NUMEROUS AND CLOSER THAN EVER. ALSO THE
10 OPENING OF A NEW TACO BELL WOULD CREATE A FUTURE SOCIAL SPOT
11 IN ACTON TO HELP KIDS, KEEP KIDS CONNECTED AND OUT OF TROUBLE.
12 SAFETY AND JOBS, WHAT MORE COULD A PARENT ASK FOR? LASTLY, A
13 DRIVE-THRU WOULD BE A HUGE BENEFIT FOR THE ON-THE-GO BUSY
14 INDIVIDUAL. A DRIVE-THRU WOULD HELP KEEP THE NEW TRAFFIC RATES
15 LOW AND NORMAL IN THE TOWN OF ACTON. WITHOUT THE OPENING OF A
16 TACO BELL IN ACTON, WE LOSE THE VARIOUS BENEFITS THAT IT
17 BRINGS ABOUT. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP FALISA BARTON AND
20 SIENA BARTON. YES, MA'AM AND THEN -- YES, MA'AM.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS DEANNE BOUBLIS. I WORK FOR KOREK LAND
23 COMPANY, THE LAND BROKERAGE FIRM REPRESENTING THE BREVIDORO
24 FAMILY, THE OWNER OF THIS PROPERTY AND THE FAMILY THAT DONATED
25 THE ACTON-AGUA DULCE LIBRARY SITE TO THE COUNTY. THIS PROPERTY

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1 HAS BEEN IN THE BREVIDORO FAMILY LONG BEFORE THE 14 FREEWAY
2 WAS BUILT, AND AT THIS POINT IN TIME, THEY, UNFORTUNATELY NEED
3 TO SELL. OVER THE PAST 80 YEARS, THIS PROPERTY WAS USED FOR
4 VARIOUS COMMERCIAL PURPOSES, INCLUDING A GAS STATION,
5 MECHANIC'S GARAGE AND MOST RECENTLY A HAY AND FEED STORE. THE
6 CURRENT TENANT IS MOVING, AND THE PROPERTY NEEDS TO BE RE-
7 PURPOSED. THE EXISTING STRUCTURE WAS BUILT IN 1924 AND DOES
8 NOT MEET THE CURRENT DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS. KOREK LAND STARTED
9 MARKETING THIS PROPERTY FOR SALE IN SEPTEMBER OF 2013. IN
10 JANUARY WE WERE IN ESCROW WITH THE DEVELOPER THAT WANTED TO
11 BUILD TWO SMALL RETAIL BUILDINGS, INCLUDING A STARBUCKS DRIVE-
12 THROUGH. THEY PRESENTED THEIR PROPOSAL TO THE ACTON TOWN
13 COUNCIL BUT RECEIVED TOO MUCH NEGATIVE FEEDBACK TO PROCEED.
14 SHORTLY THEREAFTER, THEY CANCELED. WE PUT THE PROPERTY BACK ON
15 THE MARKET, RECEIVED PROPOSALS FROM FIRST STREET AND A
16 NATIONAL DRUGSTORE, BOTH PROPOSING DRIVE-THRU FACILITIES. WE
17 DID NOT RECEIVE ANY OFFERS OR INQUIRIES FROM ANYONE IN THE
18 COMMUNITY OF ACTON OR ANY RETAILERS NOT WANTING TO PUT A
19 DRIVE-THRU FACILITY THERE. THIS IS A PRIME COMMERCIAL CORNER
20 LOCATED 200 FEET NORTH OF THE HIGHWAY 14 AND OVER 2 MILES FROM
21 THE CENTER OF THE TOWN OF ACTON. THERE ARE OTHER NATIONAL
22 RETAILERS NEARBY, ALL OF WHICH DRAW BUSINESS FROM THE FREEWAY
23 COMMUTERS AND THE RESIDENTS OF ACTON. CITIES AND COMMUNITIES
24 ALL OVER HAVE ZONING CODES, GENERAL PLANS, AND COMMUNITY PLANS
25 IN ORDER TO GUIDE PROPERTY OWNERS AND DEVELOPERS IN WHAT IS

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1 PERMITTED AND WHAT IS NOT. FIRST STREET HAS GONE TO GREAT
2 LENGTHS TO EXCEED THOSE BASIC STANDARDS. IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT
3 THE TOWN COUNCIL HAS LED THE COMMUNITY TO BELIEVE THAT THE
4 PROPERTY DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE RULES OF THE LAW AND THAT
5 APPROVAL OF THIS PROJECT WOULD TURN THE TOWN INTO, QUOTE, "A
6 FREEWAY-SERVING STRIP MALL AND THE DOORS WOULD BE WIDE OPEN
7 FOR ANY OTHER COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT." NEITHER OF THOSE
8 STATEMENTS ARE TRUE. I'M SORRY. I VOTE FOR THE APPEAL. I MEAN,
9 DENY THE APPEAL.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** CHRIS?

12

13 **CHRISTOPHER CROISDALE:** I WANTED TO THANK THE YOUNG LADY THAT
14 GAVE ME HER TWO MINUTES. CHRIS CROISDALE ONCE AGAIN. I JUST
15 WANTED TO CLARIFY A COUPLE OF THINGS. AS THE TOWN COUNCIL
16 PRESIDENT, WE DO NOT IMPLEMENT OUR OWN WILL AND OUR OWN IDEAS.
17 AND WE DO NOT HAVE A BUDGET. THERE IS NO FINANCES. EVERYONE
18 HERE IS A VOLUNTEER. AND TO GO ONE STEP FURTHER, THE ONLY
19 COMMUNICATION WE HAVE IS GRATEFULLY AND GRACEFULLY DONE FOR US
20 THROUGH OUR LOCAL PAPER, WHICH GIVES US FREE PRESS. AND IN THE
21 PRESS, WHEN THIS CAME UP, WE ACTUALLY PUT OUT A CALL FOR
22 ANYONE'S OPINION. WE DID NOT SPECIFY WHAT OPINION. WE ASKED,
23 WHAT IS YOUR OPINION OF THE TACO BELL? WE'VE GOTTEN NO
24 RESPONSES IN FAVOR OF TACO BELL. WE PUT IT ON OUR WEBSITE.
25 WHEN I'M SITTING HERE SAYING THAT I REPRESENT THE PEOPLE AND I

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1 GET OVER 700 SIGNATURES AND AT OUR COUNCIL MEETING WE HAD TWO
2 PEOPLE SHOW UP ONE NIGHT THAT WERE FOR THE TACO BELL AND WE
3 DID NOT RUN THEM OFF. I LET THEM SPEAK COMPLETELY UNTIL THEY
4 WERE DONE. WE DID NOT CUT THEM TO A TWO-MINUTE TIMEFRAME. ONE
5 OF THEM, I BELIEVE, IS STILL FOR THE TACO BELL FOR THE REASONS
6 OF HAVING JOBS FOR HER YOUNG HIGH-SCHOOL CHILDREN. THE OTHER
7 ONE SAID HE WAS UNAWARE. HE WAS A YOUNG MAN JUST OUT OF THE
8 NAVY. HE WAS UNAWARE OF THE ISSUES THAT CAME UP WITH PARKING,
9 WITH DEVELOPMENT ISSUES, WITH THE STANDARDS, AND HE HAD
10 ACTUALLY CHANGED HIS MIND. BUT JUST TO SAY THAT THAT WAS AN
11 UP-AND-UP LIE THAT WE RUN PEOPLE OFF. THAT'S ABSOLUTELY NOT
12 WHAT WE'RE ABOUT. SECONDLY, WHEN THEY SAID THEY HAD 120
13 SIGNATURES, I HAD GOTTEN THE WORD THAT ABOUT 85 OF THEM WERE
14 DONE THE NIGHT THEY DID THEIR PRESENTATION AT OUR COUNCIL
15 MEETING. THAT'S A LIE. THERE WERE 30 PEOPLE AT OUR COUNCIL
16 MEETING THAT NIGHT. SO I JUST WANT TO TELL YOU THAT I DON'T
17 KNOW WHERE THEIR SIGNATURES ARE COMING FROM, BUT WHEN WE
18 ACTUALLY RUN OUR POLLS, WE ASK FOR AN ADDRESS AND YOUR NAMES.
19 AND THAT'S JUST TO VERIFY THAT YOU ARE AN ACTON RESIDENT AND
20 THAT YOU ARE LIVING IN OUR TOWN AND NOT FALSIFYING DOCUMENTS.
21 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME ALSO CALL UP --
24 I SAID BETH KATZ. CATHERINE TUCKER. YES, MA'AM.

25

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1 **FELISA BARTON:** YES, MY NAME IS FELISA BARTON. GOOD MORNING. TO
2 COMMENT ON HIS SIGNATURES, I RECEIVED 85 OF THOSE SIGNATURES
3 PERSONALLY WITH NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF LOCAL PEOPLE OF ACTON.
4 I HAVE LIVED HERE IN ACTON FOR 30 YEARS. I KNOW WHAT LIFE IS
5 LIKE HERE AS A YOUNG PERSON. IT WAS DARK, DUSTY, LONELY, AND
6 GLOOMY. IF YOU WANTED TO GO ANYWHERE, WE DROVE 15 MILES ONE
7 WAY FROM OUR HOME. A BUNCH OF TEENAGERS WOULD PILE INTO A CAR
8 AND SAIL ON THE FREEWAY, WHICH WOULD ALWAYS TERRIFY OUR
9 PARENTS. TODAY, THE NEXT GENERATION IS READY TO GET JOBS,
10 CONSERVE GAS, GET HOME BY 10 WITHOUT RACING ON THE FREEWAY TO
11 MAKE CURFEW. PROGRESS HAS CONSTANTLY BEEN DENIED BY THE
12 LOUD... MINORITY. LAST TIME I CHECKED, ACTON WAS OVER 7,000
13 PEOPLE IN IT. THEY ARE THE SILENT MAJORITY. HOW DOES THIS TOWN
14 COUNCIL CONTINUE TO TRY TO CRAM OLD, ANTIQUATED IDEAS INTO THE
15 21ST CENTURY WITHOUT THE SILENT MAJORITY REPRESENTATION? WE
16 ARE BUSY COMMUTING AND NEED THINGS LIKE DRIVE-THRU CHOICES AND
17 DRIVE-THRUS TO GET THINGS DONE IN A DAY. LASTLY, I'D LIKE TO
18 SAY, WHENEVER I GO THROUGH A DRIVE-THRU, MOST OF THE PEOPLE
19 ARE LOCAL. WE ARE WELCOMING GROWTH AND LOOK FORWARD TO ALL THE
20 LITTLE TOWN THAT IS WILLING TO GROW INTO THE MODERN TIMES.
21 THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

24

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1 **SIENA BARTON:** HI, MY NAME IS SIENA BARTON, AND I'M A STUDENT
2 AT THE JUNIOR HIGH. I DON'T SEE THE PROBLEM WITH ANOTHER
3 DRIVE-THRU RESTAURANT. ME AND MY FRIENDS GET TIRED OF THE SAME
4 OLD PLACE TO GRAB A SNACK EVERY DAY AFTER SCHOOL. I WOULD ALSO
5 LIKE TO SAY THAT I WAS TAUGHT HOW TO SAFELY CROSS A ROAD WHEN
6 I WAS FIVE YEARS OLD. AND THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A PROBLEM WHEN
7 WE GO TO THE LIBRARY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP GABRIEL
10 AVILA AND FRANK BARTON. YES, YES, MA'AM?

11

12 **BETH KATZ:** OKAY. I'M BETH KATZ, AND I'M HAVING A HARD TIME
13 UNDERSTANDING THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S JUSTIFICATION FOR
14 APPROVING THE TACO BELL IN ACTON. UNDER THE 1986 A.V. PLAN,
15 ACTON IS DESIGNATED AS A RURAL COMMUNITY AND IS THEREFORE
16 SUBJECT TO ITS PROVISIONS. ONE OF THE PROVISIONS MANDATES THAT
17 THE COUNTY ADOPT -- IS THAT THE COUNTY ADOPT NEW ORDINANCE
18 SECTIONS THAT RELATE TO THE NEEDS OF THE RURAL COMMUNITIES IN
19 ORDER TO, QUOTE, RECOGNIZE AND PROVIDE FOR THE SPECIALIZED
20 NEEDS OF RURAL AREA RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES, END QUOTE. WELL,
21 THE COUNTY JUST APPROVED A NEW RURAL COMMUNITY ZONING
22 ORDINANCE THIS YEAR, AND THE TACO BELL FALLS UNDER THIS
23 ORDINANCE AS IT DID UNDER THE 1986 ORDINANCE. THE PLANNING
24 COMMISSION'S LOGIC FOR APPROVING THIS BUSINESS IS FAULTY ON
25 MANY COUNTS. THIS BEING JUST ONE EXAMPLE. IF YOU TRULY ARE, AS

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1 THE WORDS ON THAT WALL SAYS, A "GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY
2 THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE," PLEASE SEE YOUR WAY THROUGH TO
3 APPROVE THIS APPEAL AND HELP KEEP THE GEM OF L.A. COUNTY THAT
4 IS ACTON RURAL. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. YES.

7

8 **CATHERINE TUCKER:** HI, MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND THE BOARD MEMBERS.
9 I'M CATHERINE TUCKER. I'M AN ACTON TOWN COUNCILMEMBER. I'VE
10 BEEN A MEMBER FOR EIGHT YEARS. I'VE BEEN A RESIDENT OF ACTON
11 FOR 13 YEARS. AND YOU TALK ABOUT GOOD JOBS. I WORK AT NORTHROP
12 GRUMMAN IN PALMDALE, AND WE CAN'T GET ENOUGH GOOD MECHANICS.
13 ALL THE YOUNG MAN SHOULD LISTEN TO THAT, YOUNG WOMEN, TRAINING
14 COLLEGE WITH A.V. COLLEGE, GOOD JOBS, OKAY? AND THEY GIVE
15 EDUCATION BENEFITS. OKAY, NOT LIKE A FAST FOOD RESTAURANT. ALL
16 RIGHT. SO, BECAUSE THIS TACO BELL PROJECT IS SMALL IN AREA,
17 THE PLANNING COMMISSION DECIDED THAT THE TACO BELL PROJECT WAS
18 LOW INTENSITY. THE PLANNING COMMISSION FAILED TO UNDERSTAND
19 THE SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE INTENSITY OF A
20 COMMERCIAL USE AND THE DENSITY OF A COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT.
21 TODAY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, PLEASE DON'T MAKE THAT SAME
22 MISTAKE. THE INTENSITY OF A USE IS MARKED BY THE TRAFFIC,
23 NOISE, TRASH AND OTHER IMPACTS IT GENERATES. WE'RE NOT AGAINST
24 DEVELOPMENT IN ACTON. WE WANT APPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT. WE HAVE
25 A RURAL COMMUNITY. WE ARE A DESIGNATED RURAL COMMUNITY. AND

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1 URBAN PLANNERS APPARENTLY DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS. SO, AS A FAST
2 FOOD DRIVE-THRU BUSINESS, THE TACO BELL WILL GENERATE THE
3 HIGHEST POSSIBLE TRAFFIC LEVELS PER UNIT AREA. THEREFORE IT IS
4 THE HIGHEST INTENSITY USE THAT COULD BE POSSIBLY PLACED AT THE
5 PROJECT SITE. THE PLANNING COMMISSION ERRED IN CONCLUDING THAT
6 THE SIZE OF THE DEVELOPMENT IS WHAT DRIVES THE INTENSITY OF
7 USE. THE SIZE OF THE DEVELOPMENT MERELY REFERS TO THE AREA OF
8 A LOT THAT IS OCCUPIED AND DETERMINES THE DENSITY. THAT IS
9 ENTIRELY SEPARATE AND DISTINCT FROM THE INTENSITY OF USE,
10 WHICH IS THE ISSUE OF CONCERN HERE. PLEASE DO NOT MAKE THE
11 SAME MISTAKE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION MADE. DO NOT CONFUSE
12 INTENSITY OF THE DRIVE-THRU TACO BELL USE WITH THE SIZE OF THE
13 TACO BELL, AND PROPERLY DESIGNATE THE TACO BELL PROJECT AS AN
14 UNAUTHORIZED HIGH INTENSITY USE. I SUPPORT THE APPEAL. THANK
15 YOU.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP EDWARD
18 OLIVAS AND SCOTT SATO. YES, SIR.

19

20 **FRANKIE BARTON:** HELLO. MY NAME IS FRANKIE BARTON AND I'M 17
21 YEARS OLD AND I'VE LIVED IN ACTON ALL OF MY LIFE AND I'M VERY
22 INVOLVED IN MY COMMUNITY AND THE SOCIAL OUTREACH. AS A
23 REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE FUTURE OF ACTON AND THIS COMMUNITY, I
24 BELIEVE THAT A NEW TACO BELL WOULD BRING ABOUT MANY BENEFITS
25 TO THE TOWN OF ACTON. FIRST IT WOULD NOT AFFECT THE RURAL TOWN

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1 AND IT WOULD NOT CREATE UBANNIZATION. ALL PROPERTIES OWNED BY
2 ACTON PEOPLE WILL NOT CHANGE. ALSO THE AMOUNT OF JOBS WILL
3 INCREASE FOR FUTURE TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS, HELPING THEM EARN
4 MONEY FOR THEIR FUTURE CAREER. I WILL BE ATTENDING ANTELOPE
5 VALLEY COLLEGE IN THE FALL OF 2016. I'M TRYING TO FIND A JOB
6 TO HELP PAY FOR MY SCHOOLING, BUT ACTON HAS VERY LIMITED
7 PLACES TO WORK. A TACO BELL WOULD INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF JOBS.
8 ALSO, A DRIVE-THRU WOULD HELP THE CONVENIENCE AND EASE OF
9 TRANSACTION. A DRIVE-THRU IN A TACO BELL WOULD HELP FOR
10 DRIVERS FROM ACTON WHO ARE TRYING TO GO TO THEIR DAILY
11 COMMUTES. I DRIVE THROUGH THE INTERSECTION WHERE THE TACO BELL
12 IS SUPPOSED TO BE PLACED AND THERE IS VERY LITTLE TRAFFIC NO
13 MATTER THE TIME OF DAY. I'D ALSO LIKE TO ADD THAT THE
14 POPULATION OF ACTON IS OVER 7,000 PEOPLE. THE 700 PEOPLE THAT
15 SIGNED THE PETITION ISN'T THE MAJORITY OF THE TOWN. THANK YOU.

16

17 **GABRIEL VILLA:** HI, MY NAME IS GABRIEL VILLA AND I'M 14 YEARS
18 OLD AND I'VE BEEN LIVING IN ACTON FOR 8 YEARS. AND I THINK
19 TACO BELL AND THE DRIVE THROUGH WILL BE GREAT BECAUSE WE ONLY
20 HAVE SUBWAY, JACK-IN-THE- BOX AND MCDONALD'S. LIKE, EVERY
21 SINGLE WEEK, LIKE IF I GO TO FAST FOOD, IT'S THE SAME THING:
22 SUBWAY. OR GO TO A RESTAURANT. BUT AFTER EVERY SINGLE DAY OF
23 WORK, MY DAD COMES HOME, HE'S TIRED. AND MAYBE I WANT LIKE A
24 CARL'S, JR. OR A TACO BELL, WHICH I DEEPLY LOVE. I MEAN, WHY
25 DRIVE 20 MINUTES OR SO AND HAVE MY PARENTS BE TIRED WHILE I

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1 COULD JUST DRIVE A COUPLE MINUTES AND I'M HAPPY AND MY PARENTS
2 ARE HAPPY? AND I THINK ALL THE KIDS HERE ARE OUT OF EVERY
3 SCHOOL, EVEN THE HIGH SCHOOL AND THE MIDDLE SCHOOL, THEY WANT
4 TACO BELL. WE WANT SOMETHING NEW, SOMETHING TO GET OUR
5 COMMUNITY EXCITED ABOUT. AND THAT'S WHAT I WANT. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** RICHARD MOORE. RILEY NOLIND. YES, SIR.

8

9 **EDWARD OLIVAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS EDWARD OLIVAS, AND
10 I'M AN ACTON RESIDENT. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF
11 SUPERVISORS FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON THE SUBJECT OF
12 OPENING A TACO BELL IN THE TOWN OF ACTON. MY WIFE AND I
13 RECENTLY MOVED TO THE AREA AFTER MANY YEARS LIVING ON THE
14 CENTRAL COAST OF CALIFORNIA. IN THE SHORT 18 MONTHS WE HAVE
15 LIVED IN ACTON, THE HOSPITALITY OF THE RESIDENTS AND THE CARE
16 AND WELFARE FOR ANIMALS AND CONCERN FOR THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE
17 HAS TOUCHED US IN SO MANY WAYS. FOR A QUARTER CENTURY, I
18 SERVED IN THE AIR FORCE WITH ACTIVE AND RESERVE CAPACITIES. AS
19 COMMON WITH A MILITARY CAREER, YOU FIND YOURSELF NOT REALLY
20 WANTING TO SET ROOTS IN A COMMUNITY SO YOU CAN AVOID HAVING TO
21 SAY GOODBYE. NOW THAT A CHAPTER OF MY LIFE IS OVER, I CAN
22 FINALLY CALL A PLACE HOME, AND THAT PLACE IS ACTON. WHEN I
23 SPEAK TO LONGTIME RESIDENTS OF THE COMMUNITY, ONE COMMON THEME
24 EMERGES. MANY ARE DRAWN TO ACTON BECAUSE THEY ARE SEEKING A
25 SMALL TOWN WITH A LITTLE BIT OF ELBOW ROOM. IT IS NOT UNCOMMON

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1 TO BE AROUND TOWN AND ENCOUNTER A VEHICLE WITH A LICENSE PLATE
2 FRAME THAT PROUDLY READS ACTON, CALIFORNIA, COUNTRY LIVING.
3 THIS IS JUST ONE SMALL EXAMPLE OF HOW RESIDENTS CHERISH THEIR
4 COMMUNITY AND SPECIAL WAY OF LIFE. GIVEN THAT ACTON IS NEXT TO
5 A MAIN ARTERY SERVING THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND CITY OF LOS
6 ANGELES, IT IS EASY TO SEE WHY SOME WITH NO VESTED INTEREST IN
7 THE WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY WISH TO TAKE FINANCIAL ADVANTAGE
8 OF ITS STRATEGIC LOCATION. THE PROPOSED TACO BELL WILL REALLY
9 ONLY SERVE THE TRANSITORY HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AND NOT BENEFIT
10 ACTON AS A WHOLE. THERE ARE ALREADY AN ABUNDANCE OF
11 ESTABLISHED FOOD CHOICES JUST A FEW MILES AWAY ON THE 14 IN
12 EITHER DIRECTION AND THAT NO ONE WILL DIE OF STARVATION
13 ATTEMPTING TO REACH. I AM NOT OPPOSED TO DEVELOPMENT IN ACTON,
14 PER SE. HOWEVER, IT IS MY BELIEF THE RESIDENTS OF THE SMALL
15 COMMUNITY WANT DEVELOPMENT THAT TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION THE
16 CHARACTER OF THE TOWN AND MAINTAINS A HEART AND SOUL OF THE
17 COMMUNITY SO MANY HAVE SOUGHT US AND DESIRED TO PRESERVE. I
18 OPPOSE THE TACO BELL, AND IT'S CONTRARY TO THE VISION.

19
20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. MICHELLE OLIVAS.

21
22 **SCOTT SATO:** GOOD MORNING, MAYOR AND BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS
23 SCOTT SATO WITH THE FIRM OF TRAMES SOLUTIONS AND OUR FIRM
24 PREPARED THE TRAFFIC STUDY FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT AND I JUST
25 WANTED TO AMPLIFY THAT THE FINDINGS INDICATED THAT THERE WOULD

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1 BE NO SIGNIFICANT TRAFFIC IMPACTS. YOUR STAFF HAS DONE A
2 WONDERFUL JOB TALKING ABOUT THE TRAFFIC ISSUES; HOWEVER, IF
3 THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE TRAFFIC STUDY, I'D LIKE
4 TO MAKE MYSELF AVAILABLE. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ARE YOU SAYING THERE'S NOT GOING TO BE
7 ANY TRAFFIC?

8

9 **SCOTT SATO:** NO. I'M NOT SAYING THAT AT ALL. I'M SAYING THAT
10 THERE'S NOT GOING TO BE ANY SIGNIFICANT TRAFFIC IMPACTS AT THE
11 STUDY AREA INTERSECTIONS.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHAT IS YOUR DEFINITION OF
14 SIGNIFICANT?

15

16 **SCOTT SATO:** IF THE INTERSECTIONS ARE OPERATING AT AN
17 UNACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF SERVICE WITH ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC DUE TO
18 THE PROJECT AND OTHER CUMULATIVE DEVELOPMENTS.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF
21 UNACCEPTABLE?

22

23 **SCOTT SATO:** LEVEL SERVICE E OR F.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I KNOW BUT EXPLAIN WHAT E OR F MEANS.

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1

2 **SCOTT SATO:** YES. LEVEL SERVICE E OR F INDICATES THAT TRAFFIC
3 WILL HAVE A HARD TIME CROSSING THROUGH THE INTERSECTION, WILL
4 HAVE EXCESSIVE DELAYS, AND IN CASE OF THE I.C.U. VALUES, THE
5 VOLUME TO CAPACITY RATIOS, IT WILL HAVE A 0.91 OR GREATER
6 VOLUME TO CAPACITY RATIO. IT GETS A LITTLE TECHNICAL.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HOW WOULD THIS DIFFER FROM AN IN-N-OUT
9 BURGER?

10

11 **SCOTT SATO:** AN IN-N-OUT BURGER, IN MY EXPERIENCE, HAS MANY
12 ISSUES. THEY GENERATE MUCH MORE TRAFFIC. THEIR DRIVE-THRU
13 TIMES ARE MUCH HIGHER. YEAH.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN TACO BELL AND
16 IN-N-OUT BURGER.

17

18 **SCOTT SATO:** THE NUMBER OF TRIPS THAT ARE GENERATED BY THE IN-
19 N-OUT BURGER ARE GENERALLY A BIT HIGHER, BUT THE MAIN ISSUE
20 THAT I FIND WITH THE IN-N-OUT BURGER IS THEIR DRIVE-THRU. THEY
21 TAKE A LOT OF TIME TO MAKE THEIR FRENCH FRIES AND THEIR
22 BURGERS FROM SCRATCH, ET CETERA.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO IT'S THE TIME OF MAKING THEIR
25 PRODUCT.

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1

2 **SCOTT SATO:** YEAH, THAT'S CORRECT.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. RUTH BROCK? YES, SIR.

5 YES, SIR. OKAY.

6

7 **RICHARD MOORE:** MY NAME IS RICHARD MOORE, AND I'VE BEEN IN
8 ACTON FOR 30 YEARS. I'VE SEEN A LOT HAPPEN THERE OVER THAT 30
9 YEARS. THERE'S BEEN TIMES WHEN AT THE FIRST WE DIDN'T EVEN
10 HAVE A GAS STATION. THEN WE HAD BUSINESSES STARTED TO POP UP
11 AROUND SIERRA HIGHWAY AND CROWN VALLEY. AND THEN OVER THE LAST
12 FIVE YEARS, I'VE NOTICED, OH, ABOUT 25 YEARS OR 20 SOME YEARS
13 AGO, WE HAD STARTED A TOWN COUNCIL. AND I'VE NOTICED THAT OVER
14 ABOUT 5 YEARS AGO, THE TOWN COUNCIL HAS BEEN NEGATIVE ON ANY
15 KIND OF A BUSINESS GROWTH IN THE COMMUNITY. AND THEY SEEM TO
16 SAY WHATEVER IT TAKES TO GET THE JOB DONE. AND I THINK THAT
17 THAT'S THE ONLY REASON I'M HERE TODAY, THAT I FEEL THAT THE
18 INFORMATION THAT'S BEEN PUT OUT IS SORT OF LIKE THROWING OUT
19 GOLD WHEN YOU WANT TO GET SOMEBODY TO BUY SOME PROPERTY. AND I
20 THINK THAT THIS BOARD HAS ENOUGH SENSE THAT THEY'LL USE THEIR
21 OWN INFORMATION, AND I KNOW THAT THEY WILL COME UP WITH THE
22 RIGHT ANSWER, BECAUSE THE THINGS THAT THEY'RE SAYING, JUST
23 THEY DON'T PAN OUT. AND I THINK THAT THERE'S A SILENT MAJORITY
24 IN ACTON THAT MOST PEOPLE ARE WORKING. THEY'RE NOT GOING TO
25 COME DOWN HERE. THEY DON'T GO TO THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS.

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1 THERE'S A FEW PEOPLE THAT ARE THERE, AND THAT'S THEIR GROUP.

2 AND THE OTHER PEOPLE, THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE, LIKE THE AREA OF
3 ACTON. THEY ENJOY IT. THEY WANT SOME BUSINESS.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

6

7 **RICHARD MOORE:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** KELLY TENO. YES, SIR?

10

11 **RILEY NOLIND:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS RILEY NOLIND, AND I
12 HAVE LIVED IN ACTON FOR MOST OF MY LIFE. I BELIEVE THAT THE
13 ADDITION OF A DRIVE-THRU TACO BELL TO ACTON WOULD BE
14 BENEFICIAL TO THE COMMUNITY. THE CLOSER JOB AVAILABILITY WOULD
15 HELP TEENS AND ADULTS LOOKING FOR WORK. IT IS VERY HARD IN
16 THIS ECONOMY TO FIND JOBS, ESPECIALLY IN A SMALL TOWN LIKE
17 ACTON, SO NEW DEMAND FOR LABOR WOULD HELP A LOT OF PEOPLE
18 LOOKING FOR WORK. ALSO, A TACO BELL WOULD PROVIDE A NICE PLACE
19 TO RELAX, HANG OUT, AND DO SCHOOL WORK. THE ADDITION OF A NEW
20 TACO BELL WOULD BENEFIT THE PEOPLE OF ACTON IMMENSELY. THANK
21 YOU.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** KASPER SKINSNES. YES, MA'AM.

24

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1 **MICHELLE OLIVAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
2 HI, I'M MICHELLE OLIVAS. I AM A RESIDENT OF ACTON, AND I
3 WANTED TO TAKE JUST A MOMENT TO DESCRIBE ACTON A LITTLE BIT TO
4 YOU. IT'S A PLACE WHERE NEIGHBORS ACTUALLY CARE ABOUT EACH
5 OTHER AND HELP ONE ANOTHER OUT. WHEN MY HUSBAND AND I FIRST
6 ARRIVED IN ACTON, THERE HAD BEEN A LOT OF RAIN AND THE ROAD
7 RIGHT NEXT TO OUR HOUSE HAD WASHED OUT. WE COULD STILL GET IN
8 AND OUT, BUT OTHERS COULDN'T. ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS I SAW,
9 AND THIS WAS WITHIN THE FIRST WEEK OF LIVING THERE, I SAW THE
10 PEOPLE LIVING NOT JUST ON THE STREET BUT NEARBY ALL COMING
11 TOGETHER, TAKING SHOVELS AND MOVING THE DIRT SO THAT PEOPLE
12 COULD ACTUALLY GET TO WHERE THEY NEEDED TO GO. THEY CARED. AND
13 NOBODY NEEDED TO ASK. THEY JUST DID IT. THAT'S A LOT OF WHAT
14 ACTON IS ABOUT. IT'S A PLACE WHERE CHILDREN WALK TO THE PARK
15 AND THE LIBRARY WITHOUT HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT THEIR SAFETY.
16 IT'S A TOWN WITHOUT A STOPLIGHT, AND IT'S DEVOID OF BIG-CITY
17 CRIME. MY HUSBAND AND I LIVED IN BIG CITIES FOR MOST OF OUR
18 MARRIED LIFE, INCLUDING DENVER AND I KNOW TRAFFIC AND I DON'T
19 WANT ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT. ACTON IS TRULY A JEWEL IN L.A.
20 COUNTY. AND THE PLAN THAT WAS ENACTED, THE A.V. PLAN, PROTECTS
21 THAT SPECIAL WAY OF LIFE. WHEN THE PLANNING COMMISSION
22 APPROVED THE TACO BELL PROJECT, IT CONCLUDED THAT IT IS
23 COMPATIBLE WITH SURROUNDING LAND USES. THE PLANNING COMMISSION
24 COULD NOT HAVE BEEN MORE WRONG. THE TACO BELL PROJECT
25 INCREASES TRAFFIC PRECISELY WHERE OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN WALK

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1 FROM THE LOCAL MIDDLE SCHOOL TO THAT COUNTY LIBRARY. IT ALSO
2 INCREASES TRAFFIC LEVELS BEYOND THE THRESHOLD WHERE TRAFFIC
3 SIGNALS ARE REQUIRED IN A COMMUNITY WHERE DEVELOPMENT WHICH
4 CREATES THE NEED FOR TRAFFIC SIGNALS IS SPECIFICALLY
5 PROHIBITED. IF TACO BELL WAS TRULY COMMUNITY-SERVING, IT WOULD
6 BE LOCATED DOWN IN THE CENTER OF TOWN, NOT ON THE FREEWAY.
7 PLEASE, I BEG THAT YOU FIND THE TACO BELL PROJECT TO BE
8 INHERENTLY INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE SURROUNDING PEDESTRIAN,
9 EQUESTRIAN, AND RURAL USES, AND ON THAT BASIS, UPHOLD THE
10 APPEAL.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. DALE BYBEE. YES, MA'AM.

13

14 **RUTH BROCK:** HI, I'M RUTH BROCK. I'M A 23-YEAR RESIDENT OF
15 ACTON, ALSO. THERE ARE MANY OF US THAT HAVE BEEN HERE A LONG
16 TIME. I FEEL THAT A LOT OF THE PROBLEM WITH TACO BELL COMING
17 IN IS JUST THE BAD LUCK OF WHERE IT'S GOING TO BE LOCATED.
18 UNFORTUNATELY IN OUR COMMUNITY, WE HAVE SO FEW PIECES OF LAND
19 THAT ARE ZONED FOR THIS TYPE OF USE THAT THEY ALL SEEM TO BE
20 CLUSTERED. AND WHAT THAT DOES IS THAT CAUSES A LOT OF TRAFFIC.
21 AND UNFORTUNATELY FOR TACO BELL ALSO, MCDONALD'S AND JACK-IN-
22 THE- BOX HAVE ALREADY BEAT THEM TO THE PUNCH. SO WE'VE ALREADY
23 GOT THOSE TWO BUSINESSES RIGHT THERE IN THAT SAME LOCATION. I
24 LIVE ONE HALF MILE NORTH IN A NEIGHBORHOOD, ONE HALF MILE
25 NORTH OF WHERE TACO BELL IS PROPOSED. AND I REALLY DO FEEL

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1 THAT THERE ARE TIMES THAT THAT INTERSECTION IS GREATLY
2 IMPACTED, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE SCHOOL'S IN SESSION, STARTING IN
3 THE MORNING AND PICKUP TIME IN THE AFTERNOON. THE COMMUTER
4 TRAFFIC, GOD FORBID THERE'S AN ACCIDENT ON THE 14 FREEWAY.
5 THAT INTERSECTION BECOMES A NIGHTMARE. AND BECAUSE WE DON'T
6 HAVE TRAFFIC SIGNALS, AND THAT'S THE WAY WE LIKE IT IN OUR
7 TOWN, IT SORT OF KEEPS PEOPLE OFF SIERRA HIGHWAY BECAUSE THEY
8 KNOW THAT THEY'RE ALL GOING TO HAVE TO STOP ONE BY ONE AT THAT
9 SIGNAL TO GET THROUGH THAT INTERSECTION. IF THAT WAS A
10 STOPLIGHT, PEOPLE WOULD BE JUST RIPPING RIGHT THROUGH AND THAT
11 WOULD BE A SECONDARY FREEWAY TO THE 14 IF THERE WAS AN
12 ACCIDENT. I ALSO WAS A BUSINESS OWNER LOCALLY, AND I HOLD THE
13 FIRST S.U.P. IN L.A. COUNTY FOR A HOME-BASED BUSINESS, I'M
14 PROUD TO SAY. I FOUGHT FOR THAT. AND THANKS TO THE ACTON TOWN
15 COUNCIL FOR PASSING THE ORDINANCES THAT I CAN HAVE THAT HOME-
16 BASED BUSINESS. AND I WAS HELD TO VERY STRICT CRITERIA IN
17 GETTING THAT S.U.P., AND I THINK THAT ANY BUSINESS THAT COMES
18 INTO ACTON SHOULD BE HELD TO THE SAME STRICT CRITERIA THAT'S
19 STATED IN THE PLAN. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. IS IT JOHN VIDIC. YES,
22 MA'AM.

23

24 **KELLY TEMO:** MY NAME IS KELLY TENO. AS OF NOVEMBER 14TH, I'VE
25 LIVED IN ACTON FOR 23 YEARS. MY HUSBAND AND I MOVED TO ACTON

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1 WITH OUR FIVE CHILDREN TO GET AWAY FROM ALL THE TRAFFIC, CITY,
2 AND URBAN LIFESTYLE. I KNOW THERE ARE YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR
3 COMMUNITY WHO WOULD REALLY LOVE THE TACO BELL AND OTHER FAST
4 FOODS. IN FACT, MY YOUNGEST SON IS ONE OF THEM, MUCH TO MY
5 DISGUST. I HAVE TOLD HIM THAT AFTER HE GETS OLDER, HE WILL
6 MORE LIKELY CHANGE HIS MIND. HE IS NOT THE HOMEOWNER AND MOST
7 LIKELY WILL NOT LIVE IN ACTON AS AN ADULT. MY HUSBAND AND I
8 WILL LIVE THERE. SO I PLEAD WITH YOU TO HELP US KEEP ACTON'S
9 RURAL LIFESTYLE. I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE WILL BE GROWTH, BUT
10 IT NEEDS TO BE COMMUNITY-SERVING AND NOT FREEWAY-SERVING. NO
11 DRIVE-THRUS. FOR THIS REASON AND OTHERS, I OPPOSE THE TACO
12 BELL PROJECT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. TERRI SMITH. YES, SIR.

15

16 **KASPER SKINSNES:** KASPER SKINSNES AND I AM OPPOSED TO THE
17 DRIVE-THRU AND THE OPERATIVE WORD IS THE DRIVE-THRU. AS CHRIS
18 STATED AT THE BEGINNING, THE ACTON COUNCIL IS NOT AGAINST TACO
19 BELL. THEY'RE AGAINST THE DRIVE-THRU, AS AM I. I HAVE A WHOLE
20 DOCUMENT PREPARED WITH ALL KINDS OF TRAFFIC STATISTICS SUCH AS
21 JACKIE HAD MENTIONED ABOUT. BUT IT WAS CLEAR FROM YOUR
22 QUESTIONS, MAYOR ANTONOVICH, THAT YOU GUYS HAVE READ ALL THIS
23 AND YOU'VE STUDIED IT AND FOR THAT WE DO THANK YOU. IT ALSO
24 MIGHT BE CLEAR THAT YOU MAY HAVE DRIVEN 10 OR 15 MILES TO GO

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1 TO AN IN-N-OUT BURGER AT SOME POINT, BUT THAT I CAN'T SAY FOR
2 SURE.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I DON'T EAT BEEF. MAYBE A VEGGIE
5 BURGER.

6

7 **KASPER SKINSNES:** I CERTAINLY HAVE DRIVEN 10 MILES, 12 MILES TO
8 PALMDALE TO GET A GORDITA SUPREME. I LIKE TACO BELL. I'M A
9 SIMPLE GUY. IT SEEMS TO ME IF THIS PROJECT IS TRULY COMMUNITY-
10 SERVING AND NOT FREEWAY-SERVING, TACO BELL CAN COME IN WITHOUT
11 THE DRIVE-THRU. THE STUDENTS CAN HAVE THEIR JOBS. AND AS WE
12 LEARNED, THEY'RE GOING TO BE SAFE CROSSING THE STREET, SO THEY
13 DON'T NEED TO GO THROUGH THE DRIVE THROUGH AND ALL IS WELL. IF
14 TACO BELL WILL NOT COME IN UNLESS THERE'S A DRIVE-THRU, THAT
15 SEEMS TO SPEAK TO THE FREEWAY-SERVING NATURE OF THE PROJECT.
16 THE TRAFFIC ENGINEER THAT WAS HERE A MOMENT AGO SAID THAT THE
17 LEVEL OF SERVICE WOULD NOT GO TO AN E OR AN F. FROM THE
18 STUDIES I READ THAT WERE SUBMITTED TO THE SUPERVISORS, IT'LL
19 GO TO A D. D WASN'T VERY GOOD FOR ME IN HIGH SCHOOL, NOR IN
20 COLLEGE, AND I DON'T THINK IT'S GOOD FOR ACTON. THANK YOU FOR
21 YOUR TIME.

22

23 **DALE BYBEE:** MR. MAYOR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DALE BYBEE, I
24 OPPOSE THE TACO BELL DRIVE-THRU. A FEW WEEKS AGO AN UBER
25 DRIVER WAS ASSAULTED. HIS ASSAILANT WAS A TACO BELL EXECUTIVE.

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1 JUST LIKE THE UBER DRIVER WAS ASSAULTED, SO IS OUR TOWN
2 CONSTANTLY FROM DEVELOPMENT FROM FREEWAY-TYPE BUSINESSES. AND
3 ANYBODY, IF THEY WERE, AND I REGRET I DIDN'T BRING VIDEO OF IT
4 HERE TODAY, IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS, IT LOOKS LIKE A SCENE
5 FROM AN APOCALYPTIC MOVIE WHERE PEOPLE ARE ESCAPING THE TOWN.
6 THERE IS ONLY ONE STRAIGHT LANE, BUT YET PEOPLE CHOOSE TO USE
7 THE TURNING LANE, THE WESTBOUND LANE, AND THE SHOULDER AS A
8 MEANS OF GOING STRAIGHT. AND I HOPE TO PROVIDE VIDEO OF THAT
9 LATER. ALSO, GLEN BELL WAS A FOUNDER OF TACO BELL. MY FRIEND
10 INTRODUCED ME TO GLEN BELL. AND HE LIVED -- HE HAD VARIOUS
11 LAND HOLDINGS AND PROPERTIES, BUT HE HAD A CONCENTRATION OF
12 THEM IN THE VALLEY CENTER AREA SOUTH OF TEMECULA. GLEN BELL,
13 HE LOVED THE EQUESTRIAN, THE RURAL, AND THE AGRARIAN LIFESTYLE
14 SO MUCH SO THAT HE BUILT BELL GARDENS. AND BEFORE ITS DEMISE
15 OR CLOSURE, HOPEFULLY SOME OF YOU GOT TO VISIT BELL GARDENS.
16 BUT HE PROVIDED THAT AREA SO THAT YOUNG PEOPLE, ALL PEOPLE
17 COULD GO THERE AND LEARN ABOUT A RURAL LIFESTYLE, WHICH VALLEY
18 CENTER VERY MUCH IS. AND ALSO GLEN BELL FULLY SUPPORTED THE 4-
19 H AND EVERYTHING THAT WENT WITH THAT RURAL LIFESTYLE. AND TO
20 BORROW FROM REAGAN, IF WE DON'T SUPPORT THIS OR GO AGAINST IT,
21 SOME DAY YOU'LL BE SITTING THERE WITH YOUR GRANDKID ON YOUR
22 KNEE TELLING THEM ABOUT A RURAL COMMUNITY THAT ONCE WAS. THANK
23 YOU.
24

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1 **JOHN VIDIC:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND BOARD
2 MEMBERS. I'M JOHN VIDIC. I'M AN ACTON RESIDENT. AND WHAT I'D
3 LIKE TO SAY IS THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION CONCLUSION
4 THAT THE TACO BELL PROJECT IS A LOCAL COMMERCIAL LAND USE
5 SIMPLY BECAUSE IT MAY OCCASIONALLY SERVE ACTON RESIDENTS IS
6 WRONG. THEIR CONCLUSION COMPLETELY IGNORES THE DEFINITION OF
7 WHAT CONSTITUTES A LOCAL COMMERCIAL LAND USE UNDER THE 1980
8 COUNTRYWIDE PLAN AND THE 1986 A.V. AREA PLAN. THE 1980
9 COUNTRYWIDE PLAN CLEARLY ESTABLISHES A LOCAL COMMERCIAL LAND
10 USE AS AN INDIVIDUAL ENTERPRISE SERVING THE NEEDS OF THE LOCAL
11 COMMUNITY, AND IT STRICTLY LIMITS THE SCALE OF SUCH USE IN THE
12 TERMS OF AREA AND ACREAGE TO THAT WHICH CAN BE JUSTIFIED BY
13 LOCAL COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD NEEDS. THE TACO BELL PROJECT
14 DOES NOT MEET THE STANDARD OF WHAT CONSTITUTES A LOCAL
15 COMMERCIAL LAND USE, BECAUSE IT IS NOT AN INDIVIDUAL
16 ENTERPRISE SERVING THE NEEDS OF LOCAL COMMUNITY. IT IS A
17 FRANCHISE BUSINESS THAT IS LOCATED AND DESIGNED PARTICULARLY
18 TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF THE FREEWAY COMMUTERS. ADDITIONALLY,
19 THROUGH ACTON'S POPULATION OF LESS THAN 7,500, THE COUNTY HAS
20 ALREADY APPROVED AT LEAST 10 BUSINESSES IN ACTON THAT SERVE
21 FAST FOOD TO THOUSANDS OF CUSTOMERS DAILY. SO THE SCALE OF
22 EXISTING FAST FOOD BUSINESSES ALREADY GREATLY EXCEEDS THAT
23 WHICH CAN BE JUSTIFIED BY THE LOCAL COMMUNITY NEEDS OF ACTON'S
24 SMALL POPULATION. THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF YET
25 ANOTHER FAST FOOD BUSINESS AS A LOCAL COMMUNITY USE IN ACTON

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1 VIOLATES THE RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON SUCH USES BY THE 1980
2 COUNTRYWIDE PLAN. I URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO RECTIFY
3 THE MISTAKE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION MADE AND REJECT THE
4 TACO BELL PROJECT BECAUSE IT IS ENTIRELY INCONSISTENT WITH THE
5 GENERAL PLAN DOCUMENTS THAT THIS BOARD ITSELF HAS APPROVED.
6 THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME FIRST ASK FOR SANDRA MADSEN.
9 JOYCE BETTS, TREVOR DENE, D.E.N.E. YES, MA'AM.

10

11 **TERRI SMITH:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS TERRI SMITH, AND I AM
12 A CURRENT RESIDENT OF ACTON. 40 YEARS AGO, MY FAMILY MOVED TO
13 ACTON, SO AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, I HAVE SEEN A GREAT DEAL OF
14 GROWTH IN THE AREA. IN FACT MR. BREVIDORO WAS THE FIRST ONE TO
15 GREET MY FAMILY WHEN WE DID MOVE OUT THERE, AND THAT'S THE
16 SENIOR MR. BREVIDORO, WHO I BELIEVE HAS PASSED ON. I AM NOT
17 OPPOSED OF RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING THAT WILL
18 BENEFIT THE QUIET, RURAL, EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY. BUT I AM
19 OPPOSED OF THE TACO BELL AND ESPECIALLY THE DRIVE-THRU, AS IT
20 DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE COUNTY GENERAL PLAN AND AREA PLAN.
21 KEEP IN MIND ALSO THAT THE PROGRESSIVE AND BEAUTIFUL SAN LUIS
22 OBISPO COLLEGE TOWN WITH LOTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE HAS A NO DRIVE-
23 THRU ORDINANCE. SO THIS IS NOT A NOVEL IDEA OF NOT HAVING A
24 DRIVE-THRU. THE AREA I AM ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT IS THE ISSUE OF
25 ADEQUATE TRAILS. THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION CONCLUDED

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1 THAT TACO BELL, THE TACO BELL PROJECT PROVIDES ADEQUATE TRAILS
2 ALONG CROWN VALLEY ROAD AND SIERRA HIGHWAY. THIS IS INCORRECT,
3 AS EVIDENCED BY THE TACO BELL SITE THAT WAS PROVIDED TO THE
4 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION. IN FACT, NOT ONLY DO THE TRAILS
5 FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE COUNTY'S ADOPTED TRAIL MANUAL, THEY
6 ARE IN FACT PARTICULARLY SUBSTANDARD. THE TRAIL BED ALONG
7 SIERRA HIGHWAY IS SPECIFICALLY OF CONCERN BECAUSE IT IS ONLY 7
8 FEET WIDE AND EVEN NARROWS TO 5 FEET AS IT APPROACHES THE
9 PROJECT DRIVEWAY. THIS TRAIL IS LOCATED ON A DESIGNATED MAJOR
10 HIGHWAY AND TRAVERSES A DRIVEWAY THAT WILL BE CROSSED BY MORE
11 THAN 1,000 VEHICLES PER DAY. SO SAFETY AND PRUDENCE DEMANDS
12 THAT THE TRAIL BE DEVELOPED IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE
13 COUNTY'S ADOPTED MULTI-USE TRAIL DESIGN PROVISIONS, WHICH
14 INCLUDES A 12-FOOT-WIDE TRAIL BED. ACTON RESIDENTS WERE
15 INFORMED THAT THE TRAIL WIDTH WAS TRUNCATED TO ACCOMMODATE
16 REQUIRED PARKING AND LANDSCAPING ELEMENTS. BUT THIS IS UNTRUE.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
19 BENJAMIN HOLMES. YES, MA'AM.

20

21 **SANDY MADSEN:** HELLO, MY NAME IS SANDY MADSEN. AND I WANTED TO
22 JUST START OUT BY SAYING ACTON IS ABOUT AN HOUR AWAY FROM
23 HERE, BUT IT'S REALLY LIGHT YEARS AWAY FROM ANY COMMERCIAL OR
24 DOWNTOWN HEAVILY POPULATED AREA. MY HUSBAND AND I MOVED THERE
25 25 YEARS AGO FROM WESTCHESTER, WHICH WAS RIGHT NEXT TO MARINA

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1 DEL REY, AND I'M SO HAPPY WE DID DO THAT, BECAUSE THAT WAS A
2 VERY CONGESTED AREA THEN AND IT SOUNDS LIKE MORE SO NOW. AT
3 THE TIME WHEN WE MOVED, THE TOWN COUNCILS WERE BEING
4 INITIATED. AND THE TOWN COUNCILS WERE BEING INITIATED, BECAUSE
5 THEY WERE TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK FOR ALL OF YOU FROM
6 UNINCORPORATED AREAS. AND THAT MADE ME FEEL VERY, VERY SAFE,
7 AND IT MADE ME FEEL THAT WE HAD A VOICE, EVEN THOUGH WE WERE
8 UNINCORPORATED. MY HUSBAND WAS ON ONE OF THE FIRST TOWN
9 COUNCILS AND WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN WRITING THE COMMUNITY
10 STANDARDS. SINCE, WE HAVE THE COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT, WE
11 HAVE THE PLAN, NOW THE TOWN & COUNTRY PLAN. AND, AGAIN, I FELT
12 THAT THIS WAS A WAY THAT WE COULD BE PROTECTED. APPARENTLY IT
13 IS NOT. APPARENTLY IT JUST IS NOT. HEARING TODAY ABOUT A
14 COUPLE OF THINGS THAT ARE DISTURBING TO ME, ONE IS THE SILENT
15 MAJORITY IN ACTON. AND I DON'T BELIEVE IN SILENT MAJORITIES. I
16 BELIEVE YOU NEED TO OPEN YOUR MOUTH AND SPEAK IF YOU WANT TO
17 BE HEARD. AND THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS THAT, BECAUSE EVERYONE
18 HAS A VOICE AND EVERYONE CAN STAND AND BE COUNTED AND THAT'S
19 WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE TODAY. I'D ALSO LIKE TO SPEAK TO THE
20 ISSUE OF JOBS IN ACTON. YES, I KNOW THEY'RE FEW AND FAR
21 BETWEEN. AND I'M NOT A BIG FAST FOOD USER, SO I USUALLY GO
22 INSIDE BECAUSE IT'S FASTER THAN DRIVING THROUGH. AND I DON'T
23 SEE -- I KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE IN MY COMMUNITY OVER THE YEARS.
24 AND I DON'T SEE A LOT OF OUR LOCAL PEOPLE WORKING IN THOSE

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1 ESTABLISHMENTS. I WANT TO URGE YOU TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY IN
2 THIS EFFORT. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. AND THE LAST PERSON THAT WE
5 WILL BE CALLING UP IS ERIC PREVEN. YES, SIR. EITHER ONE, GO.

6

7 **JOYCE BETTS:** HI, MY NAME IS JOYCE BETTS. I'M A RESIDENT OF
8 ACTON FOR ABOUT 13 YEARS. AND I DON'T THINK IT TAKES AN EXPERT
9 TO RECOGNIZE A HIGH-DENSITY FREEWAY-SERVING BUSINESS. IT
10 DOESN'T TAKE DATA. IT DOESN'T TAKE RESEARCH. WE JUST NEED TO
11 USE OUR COMMON SENSIBILITIES HERE. THE LOCATION OF THE TACO
12 BELL IS THE PROBLEM. IT'S NOT THE TACO BELL. AND IT'S THE
13 LOCATION OF TRYING TO PUT A DRIVE-THRU IN THAT LOCATION.
14 THAT'S THE PROBLEM. ACTON IS NOT AGAINST DEVELOPMENT, AND I
15 KNOW THE TOWN COUNCIL'S NOT AGAINST DEVELOPMENT. BUT WE
16 IMPLORE ALL OF YOU TO UPHOLD THE VERY RULES THAT YOU SET. AND
17 WE BEG YOU TO JUST ENFORCE YOUR RULES. OTHERWISE, WHY HAVE
18 RULES? COMPARING A FAST FOOD RESTAURANT TO A COSTCO? REALLY?
19 I'M KIND OF STUNNED BY HEARING THAT TODAY. SO, ALL I CAN ASK
20 IS, PLEASE, BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR A MISTAKE THAT HAS BEEN MADE
21 AND OVERTURN THIS DECISION. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

24

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1 **TREVOR DENE:** HELLO. MY NAME IS TREVOR DENE. I'M 16, AND I'VE
2 LIVED IN ACTON MY WHOLE LIFE. AND THERE ARE ABOUT 7,000
3 RESIDENTS IN THE ACTON, CALIFORNIA, AND THOSE 700 SIGNATURES
4 THAT YOU GOT, YOU GUYS ARE ASSUMING THAT IF YOU GUYS SAY THAT
5 ACTON'S SUCH A SUPPORTING COMMUNITY, YOU CAN'T JUST ASSUME
6 THAT THE OTHER 90 PERCENT OF THE TOWN WANTS THE APPEAL OF THE
7 PROJECT WHEN A TACO BELL DRIVE-THRU WOULD ALLOW PEOPLE THAT
8 ARE IN A RUSH TO GET THEIR FOOD FRESHLY MADE WITHIN MINUTES
9 AND IT OFFERS MORE VARIETY TO THE TOWN FOR PEOPLE TO CHOOSE
10 FROM, EITHER MCDONALD'S, JACK-IN-THE-BOX, SUBWAY, AND TACO
11 BELL IF THEY WANT, BECAUSE IT'S MEXICAN CUISINE FOODS. AND IT
12 ALSO WILL NOT URBANIZE ACTON, BECAUSE URBANIZATION HAPPENS
13 WITH A MASSIVE INFLUX OF PEOPLE TRYING TO MOVE INTO AN AREA.
14 HOWEVER, PEOPLE ARE NOT GOING TO WANT TO MOVE TO ACTON JUST
15 BECAUSE OF A NEW DRIVE-THRU AND TACO BELL. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. YES, SIR.

18

19 **BENJAMIN HOLMES:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS BENJAMIN HOLMES. I'VE
20 BEEN AN ACTON RESIDENT FOR GOING ON SIX YEARS NOW. I HAVE
21 REVIEWED THE ENTIRE PACKET THAT WAS PROVIDED FOR YOU ALL. AND
22 I BELIEVE THAT YOU PROBABLY ALL MADE YOUR DECISIONS ALREADY
23 BEFORE I EVEN GET A CHANCE TO SPEAK. HOWEVER, I DO KNOW, AFTER
24 REVIEWING IT, THAT THE -- STATEMENT IN OPPOSITION TO THE
25 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IS FAIRLY MISLEADING: IT SEEMS TO

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1 INDICATE A LOT OF THINGS THAT CAN BE IMPLIED IN A BROAD
2 GENERAL SENSE WHERE IT MAY NOT NECESSARILY BE THE TRUTH. WHEN
3 I FIRST GOT HERE TODAY, I WAS ALL IN FAVOR OF SUPPORTING TACO
4 BELL. NOW I'M NOT QUITE SO SURE. HOWEVER, I DO KNOW THAT
5 ACCORDING TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF ZONING REQUIREMENTS,
6 CHOOSING TO BE UPHELD TO A PREVIOUS ZONING ORDINANCE
7 SUPERSEDES THE OTHER NEWER ORDINANCES. AND THAT SEEMS TO BE
8 THE CASE IN THIS PARTICULAR INSTANCE. SO IT'S UP TO YOU GUYS
9 TO MAKE THE BEST DECISION THAT YOU CAN. I DO KNOW THAT
10 DECISIONS HAVE LONG-REACHING CONSEQUENCES. THIS MORNING I
11 RETURNED FROM BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA. WHILE I WAS DOWN THERE,
12 THEY HAVE THIS LITTLE EGG. CHOCOLATE EGG. AND INSIDE, IT HAS A
13 SURPRISE. THOSE ARE ILLEGAL HERE IN THE UNITED STATES.
14 ACCORDING TO A 1938 LAW, ANY CONFECTION MUST HAVE 100 PERCENT
15 EDIBLE INGREDIENTS. AND SO BY THAT ONE LAW FROM 1938, WE
16 CANNOT IMPORT THESE TINY LITTLE SURPRISE EGGS, AND MY DAUGHTER
17 IS DEVASTATED. SO KEEP IN MIND --

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHAT'S INSIDE THE EGG? [LAUGHTER.]

20

21 **BENJAMIN HOLMES:** A LITTLE TINY TOY.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OH, WELL, HOW DOES THAT DIFFER FROM
24 CRACKER JACK?

25

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1 **BENJAMIN HOLMES:** THE DIFFERENCE IS THIS IS WHOLLY CONTAINED
2 INSIDE THE CHOCOLATE EGG. AND SO YOU CANNOT KNOW IN ADVANCE
3 THAT THIS IS INSIDE THE EGG OTHER THAN THE ADVERTISING
4 MATERIAL. AT THE TIME IT WAS FIRST PROHIBITED, THE PACKAGING
5 DID NOT SAY "UNSUITABLE FOR THOSE UNDER THREE YEARS OLD."

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OH, OKAY. INTERESTING.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** THE KEY TO THE CITY OF ACTON.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, SIR. EXCUSE ME. YES, SIR.

12

13 **ERIC PREVEN:** SORRY. GO FOR IT.

14

15 **AIDAN VIDIC:** HELLO. MY NAME IS AIDAN VIDIC, AND I GO TO HIGH
16 DESERT MIDDLE SCHOOL. THERE ARE ALREADY TOO MANY CARS GETTING
17 OFF THE FREEWAY NEXT TO MY SCHOOL. WE DO NOT NEED ANY MORE
18 CARS GETTING OFF THE FREEWAY FOR FAST FOOD. AND WE DO NOT NEED
19 ANOTHER DRIVE-THRU NEXT TO OUR LIBRARY. THE TACO BELL PROJECT
20 SHOULD NOT BE BUILT, BECAUSE IT WILL MAKE MORE TRAFFIC WHERE
21 PEOPLE I KNOW WALK AFTER SCHOOL. AND WE ALSO WANT MORE SIT-
22 DOWN RESTAURANTS, NOT FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MR. PREVEN.

25

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** WELL DONE. MY NAME IS ERIC PREVEN. I'M FROM THE
2 THIRD DISTRICT. AND I HAVE TO SAY I WAS RAPT WITH ATTENTION AS
3 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WERE TALKING AMONGST ONE ANOTHER
4 DURING THIS PLEADING BY 700 LOCALS FROM ACTON AGAINST THIS
5 PROJECT, BUT YET WHEN THE MAN TALKED ABOUT A CHOCOLATE EGG,
6 ALL OF THE BOARD LEANED IN WITH GREAT, LIKE THE MESMERIZER,
7 WE'VE GOT THIS SVENGALI OVER HERE. YOU SHOULD COME BACK. NOW,
8 IT'S EASIER FOR ME TO SIMPLY SAY THAT THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN.
9 THEY HAVE SPOKEN. THEY CAME DOWN HERE. THE IDEA THAT THERE'S A
10 SILENT MAJORITY SEEMS RIDICULOUS. I MEAN, COME ON. THERE'S A
11 LOT OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR DENYING THIS PROJECT. I MEAN, YOU
12 HAVE TO, AGAIN, LOOK AT, WHAT'S THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT? IS
13 THERE A REAL, SUBSTANTIAL, POWERFUL COMMUNITY BENEFIT HERE?
14 CAN YOU SEE ONE? I CAN'T SEE ONE. I MEAN, I CAN SEE GREEN,
15 LIKE YOU PRESENTED YOUR ANTELOPE VALLEY FOLKS TODAY, YOU KNOW,
16 GREEN. I CAN SEE MONEY. I CAN SEE A THOUSAND TRIPS A DAY TO A
17 FAST FOOD JOINT. I CAN'T SEE ANY COMPARISON TO A COSTCO. AND
18 WE COULD DISAGREE THAT THAT'S NOT GOING TO FLY. BUT I WILL SAY
19 THAT MAYBE GOING FORWARD IF WE LOOK AT THE OVERALL CONTEXT, TO
20 MAKE IT A LITTLE EASIER FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE NOT
21 BEING ATTACKED DIRECTLY LIKE ME, I DON'T LIVE NEAR THIS
22 PARTICULAR PLACE BY A PROJECT THAT'S GOING TO CHANGE THE
23 LIFESTYLE, MAYBE TO MAKE IT A LITTLE EASIER, REGIONAL PLANNING
24 COULD PUT ON THE COSTUME OF THE PARTICULAR APPLICANT THAT THEY
25 ARE SUPPORTING. FOR EXAMPLE, 7-ELEVEN EARLIER, THEY COULD COME

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1 DOWN AND PUT ON THE 7-ELEVEN OUTFIT. THEN WE WOULD KNOW. TODAY
2 THEY COULD BE WEARING A LITTLE TACO BELL THING SO WE COULD
3 KNOW THIS IS A GROUP THAT HAS ALREADY DECIDED IN ADVANCE TO
4 TRY THEIR BEST TO, LIKE A LITTLE SURGERY, COBBLE TOGETHER A
5 SERIES OF SMALL SOLUTIONS TO WHAT IS OBVIOUSLY SOMETHING THAT
6 HAS RESULTED IN A ROBUST RESISTANCE. SO, I DON'T KNOW, I DON'T
7 MEAN TO BE GLIB, BECAUSE I THINK THERE'S A LOT AT STAKE FOR
8 PEOPLE WHO DO NOT WANT TO HAVE THEIR LIFESTYLE CHANGED. I
9 THINK THAT A TACO BELL IS WELCOME, OBVIOUSLY DOWN THE ROAD,
10 JUST NOT DRIVE-THRU, AND THAT MAKES SENSE TO ME. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES THE
13 TESTIMONY FROM THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES.
14 COULD WE HAVE THE STAFF DEPARTMENT RESPOND TO SOME OF THE
15 COMMENTS?

16

17 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** THE ONLY RESPONSE I WOULD OFFER, MR.
18 CHAIRMAN, MR. MAYOR, IS THAT THERE'S A LEGITIMATE CHOICE,
19 INTERPRETATION OF WHAT HIGH-INTENSITY REGIONAL-SERVING USES
20 ARE. THE PLANNING COMMISSION PROVIDED AN OPINION OF THAT. AND
21 IT'S A CHOICE TO BE HAD HERE. IN TERMS OF CONTEXT AND
22 COMPATIBILITY, THE ONLY OTHER COMMENT I'D MAKE IS I'D POINT
23 OUT THAT IN THE THREE OR FOUR CORNERS OF THE INTERSECTION THAT
24 THIS IS LOCATED, I BELIEVE WITHIN THAT SMALL RADIUS THERE IS
25 THREE GAS STATIONS AND A MCDONALD'S, AND THIS WOULD BE

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1 COMPATIBLE TO THAT. BUT IF THIS IS DEEMED A HIGH-INTENSITY,
2 REGION-SERVING USES, THAT'S YOUR DETERMINATION, AND WE'D USE
3 THAT INTERPRETATION GOING FORWARD.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR? SUPERVISOR?

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** I JUST HAVE A QUESTION. I MEAN, I GUESS I
8 UNDERSTAND THE COMMUNITY'S OPPOSITION AND SOME OF THE REASONS
9 GIVEN, BUT IT JUST OFFERS ANOTHER CHOICE. I MEAN, PEOPLE
10 AREN'T GOING TO GET OFF THE FREEWAY BECAUSE OF TACO BELL. I
11 MEAN, THEY'RE GOING TO GET OFF TO GET GAS. THEY'RE GOING TO
12 GET OFF TO GET MCDONALD'S. MAYBE THEY WANT TACO BELL INSTEAD
13 OF MCDONALD'S. SO, I MEAN, WAS THAT PART OF THE RATIONALE OF
14 THE PLANNING COMMISSION? I MEAN, I'M JUST TRYING TO
15 UNDERSTAND. TACO BELL IS NOT GOING TO BE --

16

17 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** I DON'T BELIEVE IT WILL BE SUCH A LARGE DRAW
18 THAT THEY WILL DRIVE TO THIS. THEY ARE GOING TO GET OFF THERE
19 AND IT'S A CONVENIENCE USE AS OPPOSED TO DRIVING TO A
20 COMMUNITY. I THINK IT WAS MISINTERPRETED, MY COMMENT ABOUT,
21 SAY, A COSTCO OR AN AUTO CENTER, WHERE PEOPLE DRIVE MANY MILES
22 TO GO THERE. THAT WAS WHAT IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS AND, I
23 THINK, THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S DELIBERATIONS, I THINK THEY
24 LOOKED AT HIGH INTENSITY REGIONAL-SERVING USES LIKE AUTO

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1 CENTERS AND COSTCOS OR OUTLET MALLS, AND THEY SAW THAT TACO
2 BELL IS NOT IN THAT CATEGORY.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** MYSELF, I USUALLY GET OFF BECAUSE THERE'S GAS, A
5 GAS STATION, NEEDING GAS OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. AND IF YOU'RE
6 HUNGRY, THEN YOU LOOK AT THE OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO YOU. OKAY.
7 THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. THE PROPOSED PROJECT WOULD
10 AUTHORIZE THE 2,029 SQUARE FOOT TACO BELL FAST FOOD RESTAURANT
11 WITH A DRIVE-THRU FACILITY AT 3771 SIERRA HIGHWAY IN THE
12 COMMUNITY OF ACTON. A NUMBER OF RESIDENTS INCLUDING THE ACTON
13 TOWN COUNCIL HAVE RAISED CONCERNS OVER THE DRIVE-THRU FACILITY
14 AND ASSOCIATED TRAFFIC. CONCERNS HAVE BEEN RAISED OVER THE
15 FREEWAY-SERVING NATURE OF THIS TACO BELL AND THE IMPACTS IT
16 WOULD HAVE ON THE RURAL CHARACTER OF ACTON. THE APPLICANT HAS
17 WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE COMMUNITY ON THE PROJECT, DESIGNING
18 THE BUILDING IN AN OLD-FASHIONED ARCHITECTURAL STYLE TO COMPLY
19 WITH THE ACTON COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS. THE
20 APPLICANT IS ALSO PROVIDING MULTI-USE TRAILS THAT WILL LINK TO
21 THE EXISTING TRAIL NETWORK. HOWEVER, THERE'S STILL SIGNIFICANT
22 COMMUNITY OPPOSITION TO THE DRIVE-THRU AND THE COMMUTER
23 TRAFFIC IT WOULD DRAW FROM THE 14 FREEWAY. SO I WOULD
24 THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD FIND THAT THE PROJECT IS
25 CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT PURSUANT TO STATE AND LOCAL C.E.Q.A.

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1 GUIDELINES, DENY THE APPEAL BUT ADD A CONDITION PROHIBITING A
2 DRIVE-THROUGH FACILITY DIRECTING COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE
3 NECESSARY FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS TO DENY THE APPEAL AND
4 UPHOLD THE PROJECT ADDING A CONDITION PROHIBITING A DRIVE-THRU
5 FACILITY FOR C.U.P. NO. 2014-00142. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
6 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. WITHOUT A
7 DRIVE-THRU, YEAH. THANK YOU. SO WE APPROVE THE ITEM WITHOUT
8 THE DRIVE-THRU. [APPLAUSE.] LIFT THE ROOF. LIFT THE ROOF.
9 OKAY. THANK YOU. ITEM NO. 16.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR. ON THE
12 MATTER BEFORE US PERTAINING TO THE DATA CENTER, A LOT OF WORK
13 HAS BEEN DONE ON THIS ISSUE, AND THE BOARD AS A WHOLE HAS MADE
14 ITS SENTIMENTS KNOWN REGARDING THE ISSUE OF TECHNOLOGY IN OUR
15 COUNTY. AND I THINK THE BOARD IS TO BE COMMENDED FOR THAT. AND
16 TO THAT EXTENT, I THINK IT'S FAIR TO SAY TODAY IS AN EXCITING
17 DAY FOR THE COUNTY OF L. A. WE ARE NOT ONLY ON THE PATH TO
18 MODERNIZE COUNTY-WIDE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BUT WE'RE DOG
19 KNIT THE MOST COST-CUTTING EDGE AND COST AND POWER EFFICIENT
20 WAY, SO WE HAVE EFFECTIVELY A TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE HERE. LAST
21 YEAR A PROPOSAL CAME FORWARD FOR A DATA CENTER THAT WAS
22 EFFECTIVELY OUTDATED IN ITS DESIGN AND WHICH WOULD HAVE COST
23 THE COUNTY CLOSER TO LITERALLY A QUARTER OF A BILLION DOLLARS
24 JUST TO BUILD IT. TECHNOLOGY AND BUDGET EXPERTS IN VARIOUS
25 PARTS OF THE COUNTY AND EXTERNAL TO THE COUNTY, NOT THE LEAST

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1 OF WHICH THE WORK THAT WAS DONE BY THE TEAM IN MY OFFICE, TOOK
2 THE LEAD IN RESEARCHING EXISTING TECHNOLOGY AND INDUSTRY BEST
3 PRACTICES AND DETERMINED THE PROPOSED CENTER WAS OBSOLETE,
4 VERY EXPENSIVE, OVERSIZED, AND WOULD HAVE CONSUMED A GREAT
5 AMOUNT OF POWER AND COOLING TO OPERATE IF IT HAD BEEN
6 CONSTRUCTED AS PROPOSED. AND TO VALIDATE OUR FINDINGS, WE
7 DIRECTED THE C.I.O. TO HIRE AN INDEPENDENT EXPERT TO ASSESS
8 THE SIZE NEEDED TO HOST EXISTING COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE AND
9 RECOMMEND WHETHER THE BEST APPROACH WAS TO BUILD, BUY, OR
10 LEASE. SO, THE THREE REPORTS CONDUCTED BY GARTNER WERE
11 SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD AND CONCLUDED THE FOLLOWING: SPACE
12 REQUIRED FOR THE COUNTY-WIDE DATA CENTER IS ONLY 5 TO 10
13 THOUSAND SQUARE FEET AS OPPOSED TO THE 58,000 SQUARE FEET THAT
14 HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED. SECOND POINT IS LEASING SPACE
15 IN AN EXISTING COMMERCIAL AVAILABLE COLLOCATION FACILITY WAS
16 MORE EFFICIENT BOTH OPERATIONALLY AND FISCALLY. AND THE LEASE
17 APPROCH, WHICH WILL SAVE THE COUNTY, LITERALLY -- THOSE WHO
18 HAVE A DIFFERING POINT OF VIEW ARE OBVIOUSLY SEEKING TO -- IS
19 THERE SOME REASON THAT THAT'S HAPPENING?

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** NO COMMENT. [LAUGHTER.]

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LET ME CHASE TO THE BOTTOM LINE HERE
24 BEFORE I NOT ONLY AM CUT OFF BUT I LOSE MY VOICE. SO GARTNER
25 ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT THE COUNTY-WIDE ENTERPRISE DATA CENTER

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1 BE GOVERNED BY A STEERING COMMITTEE COMPRISED OF A RANGE OF
2 INDIVIDUALS THAT WOULD BE SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS FROM THE
3 C.I.O.'S OFFICE AND I.S.D., AS WELL. AND I WANT TO COMMEND THE
4 C.E.O., THE C.I.O. AND I.S.D. FOR FACILITATING THESE REPORTS
5 AND FOR FOLLOWING THE BOARD'S DIRECTION TO DO THIS IN THE
6 PROPER MANNER. THE MOTION BEFORE YOU DIRECTS THOSE STATED
7 ENTITIES TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE RECOMMENDED LEASE APPROACH
8 AND ASKS FOR PERIODIC REPORTS BACK ON THE STATUS OF
9 IMPLEMENTING THE NEW DATA CENTER. MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES,
10 I'M PLEASED THAT WE ARE ABLE TO ACHIEVE THIS AT THIS POINT.
11 THE BOARD AS A WHOLE, ALL FIVE MEMBERS, ARE CONCERNED ABOUT
12 THE TECHNOLOGICAL INFRASTRUCTURE OF OUR COUNTY AS WELL AS HOW
13 WE ARE ESSENTIALLY MANAGING DATA. WE'VE DONE QUITE A NUMBER OF
14 THINGS OVER THE LAST YEAR ALONE TO ACCOMPLISH THAT. I THINK
15 YOU WILL AGREE THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT STEP AS A PART OF THAT
16 OVERALL EFFORT. MR. MAYOR.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YOUR MOTION?

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I SO MOVE.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ERIC PREVEN, DR. CLAVREUL AND ARNOLD
23 SACHS.

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT IS ERIC PREVEN, A RESIDENT FROM THE THIRD
2 DISTRICT. AND EVERYBODY LOVES DATA, OBVIOUSLY. AND IT'S A VERY
3 IMPORTANT PART OF THE COUNTY'S BUSINESS TO MANAGE ITS DATA. WE
4 HAVE 49 CENTERS DISPARATELY LOCATED ALL OVER THE COUNTY. ONLY
5 1 IS A TIER 3, WHICH IS THE FANCIEST KIND. THAT'S AT M.L.K.
6 WE'RE GOING TO MIGRATE TO THE DOWNEY CENTER THAT WE ALREADY
7 APPROVED SORT OF, THAT'S UNDERWAY, AND THEN WE WILL HAVE
8 ANOTHER ONE SOMEWHERE ELSE, IF I HAVE IT CORRECT. AND WE CAN
9 IMAGINE THAT'S GOING TO BE IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, BUT I'M NOT
10 SURE. I CAN JUST GATHER THAT FROM THE FEELING THAT I AM
11 SENSING HERE. NOW, I HAVE RESPECT FOR THE GROUP, THE I.S.D.
12 AND THE C.E.O. WHO TODAY ARE EMBODIED IN ONE GENTLEMAN, MR.
13 JONES, WHO HAS BEEN THE LONG-TIME CHIEF OF THE I.S.D. AND NOW
14 HE'S ACTING C.E.O. TODAY, SO HE NEEDS TO BE COMPENSATED TWICE,
15 PLEASE. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT THE COUNTY'S PLAN HERE NEEDS
16 TO BE SCRUTINIZED CAREFULLY. ON THE VERY LAST PAGE OF THE
17 REPORT BY GARTNER, YOU CAN FIND THE TERM I.B.M. BUT IN 2013
18 WHEN I DID A PUBLIC RECORD ACT REQUEST THE LAST TIME THIS SORT
19 OF CAME UP TO SEE THE I.B.M. REPORT THAT WAS COMMISSIONED BY,
20 I THINK, THE GREAT MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS POSSIBLY, MAYBE IT WAS
21 THE GREAT KNABE, I'M NOT SURE, TO DO A REPORT ON WHAT CAN WE
22 DO ABOUT, IT CAME BACK FROM I.B.M. I ASKED FOR IT JUST TO TAKE
23 A LOOK TO SEE AND I WAS TOLD BY COUNTY COUNSEL, NO, YOU CAN'T
24 SEE IT. NOW EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT IS LUDICROUS AND BIZARRE,
25 BECAUSE OF COURSE I'M NOT INTERESTED IN SECRETS OF THE COUNTY

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1 DATA EMPIRE. I'M INTERESTED IN LIKE YOU ARE, HOW CAN WE DO
2 SOMETHING INTELLIGENT AND REASONABLE? THIS IS GOING TO COST,
3 WHAT IS IT, \$65 MILLION DOWN FROM THE BIG NUMBER WE GOT SORT
4 OF 50 MILLION IN STUFF AND 15 MILLION IN CONSULTING FEES. YOU
5 KNOW, I'D JUST LIKE TO UNDERSTAND HOW WE GOT THERE, WHY
6 THERE'S AN I.B.M. REPORT THAT I CAN'T SEE, AND WHY IT SHOULD
7 EVER BE THAT WAY, ESPECIALLY WHEN THIS GROUP LOBBIES
8 PRODIGIOUSLY THROUGH THE SUPERVISOR KNABE'S SON'S LOBBY FIRM.
9 THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH SAYING THAT OUT LOUD. WE ALL KNOW
10 IT. EXACTLY. IT HAS KNOW NOTHING TO DO WITH IT. BUT IT'S A
11 FACT, AND HE DOES 22.5 EVERY TIME OR CLOSE TO IT. AND THAT'S
12 INAPPROPRIATE. THAT'S 22,500 PER QUARTER FROM I.B.M. TO THAT
13 FIRM. I THINK THAT SMELLS BAD. I THINK WE SHOULD LOOK CLOSELY.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU. DR. CLAVREUL.

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17 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
18 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON THAT ITEM, I THINK WE NEED TO LOOK
19 AT IT CLOSELY. I AM GLAD WE ARE GOING TO DEVELOP A CENTER,
20 DATA CENTER. IT'S OBVIOUS RIGHT NOW THAT IN THE COUNTY WE HAVE
21 MULTIPLE CONCEPTIONS OF WHAT IT SHOULD BE. AND MYSELF I HAVE
22 REQUIRE UNDER THE INFORMATION ACT, MULTIPLE ITEMS HAVING TO DO
23 WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS. I NEVER
24 RECEIVE ANY. AND I THINK IT WOULD BE NICE IF WE DID HAVE SOME
25 OF THE INFORMATION, BECAUSE IT'S OBVIOUS WE HAVE PAID MILLIONS

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1 OF DOLLARS TO GARTNER TO GIVE US THIS REPORT, AND I THINK IT
2 IS ABOUT TIME TO LOOK AT IT A LITTLE MORE IN DETAIL. RIGHT NOW
3 WE HAVE A LOT OF PROJECTS, AND YESTERDAY I HAPPENED TO ATTEND
4 THE SECOND MEETING OF THE COUNTY INTEGRATION ADVISORY BOARD. I
5 MUST SAY IT WAS THE WORST MEETING I EVER ATTENDED IN MY ENTIRE
6 LIFETIME. IT WAS A TOTAL WASTE OF MONEY. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT
7 PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN SELECTED DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THEY ARE
8 TALKING ABOUT. IT IS ALL PART OF THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY,
9 E.H.R. AND SO ON. SO I THINK, STOP WASTING THE COUNTY MONEY. I
10 THINK YOU NEED TO LOOK AT THAT MEETING. FIRST OF ALL, THEY ARE
11 SUPPOSED TO BE AN ADVISORY BOARD. BUT THEY HAVE WRITTEN THAT
12 THEY ARE A COMMISSION. THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW THEY ARE A
13 COMMISSION OR ADVISORY BOARD. I THINK THAT NEEDED TO BE
14 CLARIFIED. THE GROUP OF 42 PEOPLE, WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE
15 DOING. THAT'S ABSURD. AND THE PERSON WITH THE CHAIR NEEDS TO
16 GO TO SCHOOL TO LEARN HOW TO DIRECT A MEETING. THAT WOULD BE
17 NICE. THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. SACHS.

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21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** EXCUSE ME. WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
24 THE BAKED GOODS YOU MADE THIS MORNING FOR THE BOARD THAT

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1 SHEILA SHARED WITH US, ABOUT YOUR ARTISTIC ABILITY WITH
2 BAKING. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT.

3

4 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** THAT WAS FOR THE BENEFIT OF FRENCH
5 CONSUL, ALSO. AND HE SAID THAT WAS HIS FAVORITE COOKIE, SO.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS?

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9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS.
10 AND LAST TIME I WAS HERE, IT WAS TWO WEEKS AGO. AND I HAD TO
11 LISTEN TO YOUR DISCUSSION ABOUT THE CLOSED SESSION ITEM WITH
12 THE MEDICAL SETTLEMENT THAT YOU HAD. AND I BELIEVE SOMEBODY
13 MENTIONED THAT YOU WERE STEWARDS OF THE COUNTY'S FINANCES. AND
14 YOU WERE DISCUSSING THAT MEDICAL SETTLEMENT, AND I THINK IT
15 WAS LIKE \$2 MILLION. GO HOME NEXT DAY AND PICK UP THE
16 NEWSPAPER AND READ ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT THAT YOU HAD WITH THE
17 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR \$8 MILLION. THE LARGEST SETTLEMENT IN
18 THE COUNTY'S HISTORY. STEWARDING OF THE COUNTY FUNDS. I'M
19 THINKING TO MYSELF, WITHOUT A DISCUSSION, BY THE WAY, NO
20 DISCUSSION AT ALL. SO THE L.A. TIMES WROTE ABOUT --

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR, POINT OF ORDER.

23

24 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT COST EFFICIENCY HERE.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE DATA CENTER.

2

3 **ARNOLD SACHS:** AND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT COST-EFFICIENCY OF THE
4 COUNTY.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** GERMANENESS, MR. MAYOR.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I WILL RULE YOU OUT OF ORDER. THIS IS
9 ON A HIGH-TECH ISSUE.

10

11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** BUILD, BUY, OR LEASE, THE MOST EFFICIENT SOURCE.
12 EVERY FINANCIAL ADVISER YOU LOOK AT, YOU HEAR ON TELEVISION,
13 HERE IN THE PAPER, SAYING LEASING IS THE MOST EXPENSIVE OPTION
14 AVAILABLE TO DO ANYTHING. AND YET WE HEAR COST EFFICIENCY. HOW
15 CAN ALL THESE PEOPLE, MAYBE THEY DON'T HAVE THE SAME ADVISORS
16 THAT THE COUNTY HAS THAT SAY BUT THEY'RE ADVISING THE PUBLIC.
17 DO NOT LEASE ANYTHING. THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES IS GOING TO BUY
18 EFFICIENT PATROL CARS, SO THEY'RE LEASING PATROL CARS. LEASING
19 AND BUYING ARE TWO DIFFERENT WORDS. DIFFERENT MEANINGS. SO, MY
20 POINT IS IS WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT BEING FINANCIALLY EFFICIENT
21 AND COST EFFICIENT AND THEN YOU TURN AROUND AND MAKE
22 SETTLEMENTS LIKE THAT? IT SOUNDS LIKE GAS IN HERE, YOU KNOW
23 WHAT I MEAN?

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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1

2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I URGE A UNANIMOUS
3 VOTE OF THE ITEM BEFORE US ON THE DATA CENTER.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
6 THOMAS. SECOND BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
7 ORDERED.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. WITH YOUR
10 PERMISSION, I'D LIKE TO TAKE UP ITEM 19.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I HAD A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ON 19?

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YEAH. WE HAVE THREE SPEAKERS. KEITH
17 JEFFREYS, PATRICIA MCALLISTER, AND ARNOLD SACHS. ARE YOU ON
18 19? YEAH. OKAY. THOSE ARE THE THREE ON 19. YES, MA'AM? MS.
19 MCALLISTER. MR. JEFFREYS AND MR. SACHS.

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21 **PATRICIA MCALLISTER:** PATRICIA MCALLISTER HERE. I FIRST WOULD
22 LIKE TO SAY THIS IS MY FIRST TIME PRESENTING MYSELF IN FRONT
23 OF THIS BODY, AND I MUST SAY THAT I AM VERY DISAPPOINTED IN
24 THIS BODY. WALKING DISTANCE FROM HERE, PEOPLE ARE LYING ON THE
25 GROUND, HOMELESS, HUNGRY, DYING, COMING UP MISSING, AND 90

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1 PERCENT OF THEM ARE AFRICAN-AMERICAN. NO. 19 SAYS IT
2 RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF LOCAL WORKER HIRING PROGRAM FOR VETS.
3 90 PERCENT OF THE HOMELESS VETS, UNEMPLOYED VETS, ARE AFRICAN-
4 AMERICAN. I AM ABOUT TIRED OF GIVING MY VOTE TO AFRICAN-
5 AMERICANS AND THEN THEY GET ON THESE COMMITTEES AND THESE
6 PANELS AND BOARDS AND ELECTED OFFICES AND THEY CAN'T EVEN GET
7 THE WORD AFRICAN-AMERICAN OUT OF THEIR MOUTHS. THEY FORGET
8 THAT THEY ARE BLACK. I'M FROM A BLACK COMMUNITY. ALL OF MY
9 TEACHERS WERE BLACK. ALL OF THE PRINCIPALS WERE BLACK. THESE
10 BLACK POLITICIANS NOW ARE ALLOWING BLACK PEOPLE TO SUFFER AND
11 DIE ON THE STREET AND THEY CAN'T OPEN THEIR MOUTHS TO SAY,
12 HELP MY PEOPLE. I'M AGAINST THIS ORDINANCE OR THIS
13 RECOMMENDATION BECAUSE IT SAYS THAT IT WILL APPROVE RESIDENTS.
14 RESIDENTS MEANS ILLEGAL ALIENS. BLACK PEOPLE ARE BEING PUSHED
15 OUT OF HOUSING AND JOBS, AND ILLEGALS ARE GIVEN THE JOBS. YOU
16 GO ON THESE CONSTRUCTION SITES AND YOU ASK ANYONE A QUESTION,
17 AND THEY CAN'T EVEN SPEAK ENGLISH. I KNOW THEY'RE ILLEGAL. BUT
18 YOU, THIS COUNTY, AND THIS BOARD ALLOW ALL OF THIS ILLEGAL
19 EMPLOYMENT IN THIS COUNTY AND YOU DO NOTHING. IN FACT, YOU
20 ENCOURAGE IT. AND I AM AGAINST THIS. WE NEED TO REWORD THIS
21 AND PUT BLACK PEOPLE GET 80 PERCENT OF THESE JOBS AND INCREASE
22 IT BY 5 PERCENT. VETS GO INTO WAR TO PROTECT US, TO PROTECT
23 YOUR REAR ENDS FROM BEING KILLED AND OUR NATION BEING
24 OVERTHROWN BY THE COMMUNISTS, WHICH IS GOING TO BE HAPPENING
25 SOON. SO WE NEED TO RESPECT OUR VETS. THE ONLY REASON I

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1 BELIEVE THAT VETS ARE BEING MISTREATED, BECAUSE THEY'RE
2 TRAINED KILLERS, AND WHEN THE COMMUNISTS COME IN HERE, THEY
3 WANT TO WEAKEN OUR MEN AND MAKE AS MANY OF THEM HOMOSEXUALS AS
4 THEY CAN.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, SIR.

7

8 **KEITH JEFFREYS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M KEITH JEFFREYS. I'M THE
9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNITED STATES VETERANS'-ARTISTS'
10 ALLIANCE. OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR VETERANS
11 IN THE ARTS, HUMANITIES, AND THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY, BUT
12 IN ADDITION TO OUR PRIMARY MISSION, WE ALSO SERVE VETERANS BY
13 ADVOCATING FOR THEM IN THE AREAS OF HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS,
14 EDUCATION, HEALTHCARE, AND SPECIFICALLY EMPLOYMENT. AS AN
15 ORGANIZATION, WE ARE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH
16 MAYOR GARCETTI'S 10,000 STRONG CAMPAIGN TO FIND ADDITIONAL
17 EMPLOYMENT ACTIVITIES FOR VETERANS. WE WORK DIRECTLY WITH A
18 VARIETY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY THEATERS, INCLUDING THE ACTORS'
19 GANG, CENTRE THEATRE GROUP, PASADENA PLAYHOUSE, ALONG WITH
20 LACMA, SONY PICTURES ENTERTAINMENT, AND WARNER BROTHERS TO
21 FIND EMPLOYMENT FOR VETERANS WITHIN THE CREATIVE ECONOMY
22 WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ARE ALSO ACTIVELY ENGAGED WITH
23 LOS ANGELES COUNTY 2-1-1 TO INCREASE ACCESS FOR VETERANS
24 SERVICES THROUGH THEIR VETERANS' PORTAL. I SAY ALL THIS
25 BECAUSE I AM SPEAKING TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THE SUPERVISORS MARK

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1 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MICHAEL ANTONOVICH FOR THE LOCAL VETERANS '
2 HIRING WORK PROGRAM. WE THINK THAT THIS IS A SPECTACULAR
3 EFFORT ON THE PART OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
4 INCREASE EMPLOYMENT. WHY DO WE ADVOCATE IN THIS AREA FOR
5 CONSTRUCTION JOBS? BECAUSE OFTENTIMES THE VETERANS THAT WE
6 WORK WITH, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, ARE TRYING TO SUPPORT
7 THEMSELVES WHILE THEY MOVE ALONG TOWARDS THEIR CAREERS OR
8 AVOCATIONS IN THE CREATIVE ECONOMY. IT CAN ONLY HELP VETERANS
9 IN A TANGIBLE WAY AS THIS DOES. THIS IS NOT SIMPLY SYMBOLIC TO
10 CREATE A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD FOR VETERANS TO GIVE THEM A LEG
11 UP TO MAKE UP FOR TIME THAT THEY HAVE LOST. I WANT TO THANK
12 YOU TODAY FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK AND THANK YOU FOR THIS.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. MR. SACHS?

15

16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WHY, YES, THANK YOU, ARNOLD SACHS. AND IS THIS
17 JUST TO REITERATE, BACK TO THE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM THAT YOU
18 IMPLEMENTED A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, WHERE VETERANS COULD BE IN
19 THE FIELD DOING CONSTRUCTION WORK. SO THAT ELIMINATES THEM
20 FROM THE PROCESS AND THE PLANNING THAT'S INVOLVED. YOU JUST
21 HAD A PROJECT, LIKE I SAID, MARINA DEL REY, ALL THE PROCESS
22 AND THE PLANNING AND ALL THE ARCHITECTURAL WORK AND EVERYTHING
23 THAT'S INVOLVED, AND THAT'S COUNTY PROPERTY. VETERANS ARE
24 EXCLUDED. THAT 5 PERCENT WORKFORCE HOURS, EXCLUDED FROM THAT
25 POLICY. HOW MANY HOURS DO YOU THINK THEY SPEND PLANNING THAT

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1 PROJECT IN MARINA DEL REY? 10? 20? 30? 5 PERCENT? VETERANS '
2 HOURS, EXCLUDED, BECAUSE YOU DON'T INCLUDE THAT. YOU'RE
3 TALKING ABOUT, WELL, WE GOT TO BUILD A WALL. WE COULD GET
4 VETERANS FOR THAT. SOME VETERANS. WE DIG A DITCH, WE CAN GET
5 VETERANS TO RUN THAT. BUT YOU CAN'T GET THEM TO DO THE
6 PLANNING PART? YOU CAN'T GET THEM TO DO THE UP-FRONT WORK? WHY
7 NOT? WHY DON'T YOU INCLUDE THAT? WHY DON'T YOU HAVE THE
8 COMPANIES THAT YOU ARE SO DEEPLY IN BED WITH INCLUDE THAT IN
9 THEIR BIDDING TO OPERATE, TO OVERSEE THESE PROJECTS. THAT THEY
10 INCLUDE VETERANS TO DO THIS WORK? YOU GET AN ANSWER WHEN YOU
11 ARE NOT TALKING ABOUT THE STEWARDSHIP OF THE COUNTY BUT DON'T
12 GET AN ANSWER ON WHY YOU DON'T INCLUDE THE VETERANS IN THE
13 TOTAL PROCESS THAT'S INVOLVED IN SOME OF THESE PROJECTS.
14 SMELLS LIKE GAS IN HERE.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU NEED SOME NEW MATERIAL.

17

18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I NEED SOME NEW SUPERVISORS. [LAUGHTER.]

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MAYOR, ITEM 19 SEEKS TO HAVE A LOCAL
21 WORKER HIRE PROGRAM FOR VETERANS AS REQUESTED BY THE BOARD IN
22 MAY OF LAST YEAR. PROPOSED POLICY ESTABLISHES A GOAL OF 5
23 PERCENT FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS IN EXCESS OF \$2.5 MILLION.
24 STANDARD PERFORMANCE FOR CONTRACTORS IS A GOOD-FAITH EFFORT.
25 ALTHOUGH THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PREVIOUS BOARD DIRECTION

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1 AND WE CAN AND SHOULD DO BETTER BY OUR VETERANS, WE NOTE THAT
2 THE ONE AND ONLY RUTH WONG WAS HERE TO WEIGH IN AND SHARE HER
3 PERSPECTIVE ON THIS. BUT THIS IS GROUNDING OF THE STUDY DONE
4 BY PROFESSOR PAUL LONG OF UCLA, WHO FOUND THAT MANDATORY
5 PROGRAMS ARE 5 PERCENT HIGHER FOR THOSE IMPACTED AND THOSE
6 THAT ARE ESSENTIALLY MOVING WITH THE TRADITIONAL NOTION OF
7 GOOD FAITH. IN LIGHT OF THE ACUTE CRISIS OF HOMELESSNESS THAT
8 IS VISITED UPON VETERANS, I BELIEVE WE CAN AND SHOULD DO MORE.
9 SO THE PROPOSED MOTION SEEKS A REPORT BACK IN SOME 30 DAYS ON
10 ADOPTING A MANDATORY PROGRAM FOR CONTRACTS GREATER THAN \$2.5
11 MILLION. ALTHOUGH NOT A CLEAR DETERMINATION AT THIS TIME, THE
12 REPORT BACK WILL PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH THE INFORMATION IT
13 NEEDS TO MAXIMIZE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT AND
14 SEEKING TO RETURN TO VETERANS THAT WHICH THEY ARE DUE, THAT IS
15 DIGNITY. THE MOTION ALSO SEEKS BOARD APPROVAL TO ADOPT A LOCAL
16 HIRE PROGRAM FOR VETERANS WITH A GOOD FAITH EFFORT STANDARD
17 FOR ALL COUNTY CONSTRUCTION EFFORTS, AND WE SAY GOOD FAITH IS
18 STANDARD AND APPROPRIATE FOR SMALLER CONTRACTS, BUT IT'S MY
19 EXPECTATION, HOPEFULLY THAT OF THE ENTIRE BOARD, THAT GIVEN
20 THE SUCCESSFUL TRACK RECORD OF THE COUNTY WITH LOCAL HIRE
21 PROGRAMS AND D.P.W. AS REPRESENTED HERE OR WAS WHEN DAVE WAS
22 FUNCTIONING IN THAT CAPACITY, THEY WILL EXCEED THE 5 PERCENT.
23 AND WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT. VETERANS DESERVE ALL THAT WE CAN
24 REASONABLY DO TO ENSURE THAT THEY CAN SUPPORT THEMSELVES AND
25 THEIR FAMILIES. VETERANS HAVE HISTORICALLY ENCOUNTERED

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1 DIFFICULTIES WITH RE-ENTERING THE WORKFORCE FOLLOWING THEIR
2 SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY. I BELIEVE THAT WE CAN DO BETTER THAN
3 THAT AND WE SHOULD. EVIDENCE OF THIS FACT IS THAT THERE ARE
4 MORE THAN SOME 4,300 HOMELESS VETERANS IN OUR COUNTY TODAY.
5 VETERANS DESERVE THE BEST THAT WE CAN OFFER, BECAUSE THERE IS
6 NO DOUBT THAT THEY GAVE THEIR BEST TO US. I ACCEPT THAT THAT
7 IS THE CASE. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD I TRUST THAT YOU WILL JOIN
8 ME IN A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO MOVE THE MATTER BEFORE US FORWARD.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO ADD THIS IS A VERY GOOD,
11 POSITIVE POLICY. IT'S A STEP FORWARD, AND IT SHOWS THE SUPPORT
12 THAT WE GIVE TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO DO SERVE OUR COUNTRY AND
13 WHO DO IT AT A GREAT SACRIFICE. OUR RETURNING VETERANS DESERVE
14 OUR GRATITUDE AND OUR ASSISTANCE IN TRANSITIONING TO CIVILIAN
15 EMPLOYMENT WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY THAT WE HAVE TO HONOR THEM,
16 THEIR SERVICE, AND TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE HERE TO HELP THEM RE-
17 ADJUST INTO OUR SOCIETY, BUT WE WANT TO THANK YOU, GENERAL
18 WONG, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN THIS AREA WITH OUR DEPARTMENT AND
19 WITH OUR ONE STOP CENTER NOW AT PATRIOTIC HALL TO HELP OUR
20 VETERANS READJUST TO CIVILIAN LIFE AND IT'S AN ONGOING ISSUE
21 THAT WE NEED TO ALWAYS KEEP ON TOP OF BECAUSE EVERY DAY WE
22 HAVE MORE MEN AND WOMEN BEING DISCHARGED FROM THE MILITARY AND
23 THEY NEED TO HIT THE GROUND RUNNING AND NOT END UP IN A CATCH-
24 22 POSITION. BUT I SECOND THAT MOTION. BUT DO YOU WANT TO MAKE
25 SOME COMMENTS?

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2 **GEN. RUTH WONG:** YES, SUPERVISOR. GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR
3 ANTONOVICH AND SUPERVISORS. I HAVE WITH ME TODAY DAVID HOWARD
4 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE
5 OFFICE, AND WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT THE VETERANS LOCAL WORKER
6 HIRING PROGRAM MOTION THAT IS PROPOSED BY SUPERVISOR MARK
7 RIDLEY-THOMAS. WE SUPPORT THE BOARD'S COMMITMENT THROUGH
8 VARIOUS PROGRAMS, SUCH AS THE ONE PROPOSED, AND OTHER PROGRAMS
9 THAT HAVE GONE ON IN THE COUNTY, SUCH AS THE HIRING PREFERENCE
10 FOR THOSE SEEKING EMPLOYMENT WITH THE COUNTY. VETERANS,
11 ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO SEPARATED FROM THE ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY
12 OR THOSE RESERVE COMPONENTS, ENCOUNTER BARRIERS IN SEEKING
13 EMPLOYMENT. THIS MOTION WILL HELP OPEN DOORS FOR OUR VETERAN
14 COMMUNITY TO FIND GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT AND GIVE THEM THE
15 OPPORTUNITY TO USE THEIR SKILLS LEARNED IN THE MILITARY
16 COMMUNITY. REQUESTING OUR LOCAL CONTRACTORS TO HIRE VETERANS
17 ON SMALLER CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS OF AT LEAST \$2.5 MILLION WILL
18 ALLOW THE COUNTY TO FURTHER SUPPORT OUR VETERAN COMMUNITY AND
19 ALLOW US TO HIRE OUR NATION'S HEROES, WHO HAVE SERVED TO
20 PRESERVE OUR FREEDOM. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. SO ANY OBJECTION? IF NOT,
23 SO ORDERED.

24

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, I DON'T HAVE ANY OBJECTION. I JUST WANTED TO
2 ADD, THIS SEEMS, IN MANY CASES, WHEN YOU SORT OF READ IT
3 THROUGH, IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S A LITTLE THING, BUT IT'S A HUGE
4 THING FOR OUR VETERANS. AND WHEN YOU GO DOWN TO U.S. VETS, GO
5 DOWN TO VILLAGES OF CABRILLO, THESE ARE THE KINDS OF
6 OPPORTUNITIES THEY'RE LOOKING FOR. AND OUT AT THE VET CENTER
7 AND OUT IN LONG BEACH, SO IT REALLY SHOWS A COMMITMENT ON
8 BEHALF OF THE BOARD TO DO ALL THE THINGS THAT WE NEED TO DO TO
9 SUPPORT THAT THAT HAVE SUPPORTED US AND FOUGHT FOR OUR WAY OF
10 LIFE. SUPERVISOR?

11

12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I THINK IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO POINT OUT
13 THAT THE MOTION INCLUDES THE SPOUSES OF VETERANS, AS WELL.
14 BECAUSE IT'S NOT ALWAYS CLEAR, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE VETERANS
15 WHO HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY INJURED, WHETHER THEY COULD BE THE
16 SOLE SUPPORT OF THEIR FAMILIES. AND AS THE CASE IN MOST OF OUR
17 FAMILIES IN THE COUNTY, BOTH SPOUSES ARE WORKING IF THERE ARE
18 TWO IN THE A HOUSE. SO I THINK THAT'S ALSO A VERY POSITIVE
19 ASPECT OF THE MOTION.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO ORDERED. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU ALL.

24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WHAT DO WE HAVE NEXT? ITEM 24.
2 THERE WAS A TYPO ON THE ORDINANCE THAT HAD TO BE 2016, AND IT
3 WAS DECEMBER 2015. SO THAT TYPO WOULD BE CORRECTED ON ITEM C.
4 AND ALSO THE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE
5 AMENDMENT CODIFIED IN THE SECTION MAY NOT BE REELECTED AS
6 OFFICERS IN THE FIRST ELECTION HELD UNDER THE SECTION.
7 SUPERVISOR MARK, THAT WOULD BE A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. SO I
8 WOULD SECOND SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S --

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I ACCEPT.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. OH, WE
13 HAVE DONALD ANDREWS AND ARNOLD SACHS.

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
16 AND AN ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION ABOUT APPOINTMENTS. SO I'M
17 TRYING TO THINK. YOU MIGHT HAVE HEARD ABOUT SOME NEWS ABOUT
18 THE POMONA FAIRGROUND BEING RUN BY A NONPROFIT GROUP. YOU
19 DON'T MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO THAT, DO YOU?

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO.

22

23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** BUT IT'S COUNTY PROPERTY. THE POMONA FAIRGROUNDS
24 IS COUNTY PROPERTY. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE COLISEUM IS STATE
25 PROPERTY. YOU MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO THAT. SO I'M TRYING TO

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1 FIGURE OUT THE PARAMETERS HERE OF HOW YOU'RE INVOLVED IN
2 RUNNING STATE PROPERTY, MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO YOUR BOARD OF
3 SUPERVISORS WHO OVERSEE THAT. YOU DON'T HAVE -- AND YOU HAVE
4 COUNTY COUNSEL AT THE COLISEUM. AND YOU DON'T MAKE
5 APPOINTMENTS TO THE ROSE BOWL COMMISSION OR WHATEVER THAT IS.
6 BUT THE COUNTY PROPERTY, POMONA FAIRGROUNDS, AND THE ARTICLES
7 HAVE SAID THAT IT'S COUNTY PROPERTY, YOU DON'T MAKE
8 APPOINTMENTS TO AND YOU DON'T HAVE COUNTY COUNSEL. SO HOW IS
9 THAT POSSIBLE? HOW CAN YOU BE MORE INTERESTED IN A STATE-RUN
10 PROJECT THAT YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE THE FINAL OVERSIGHT FOR
11 BECAUSE IT SHOULD BE STATE-RUN, AND YET COUNTY PROPERTY, YOU
12 HAVE NO OVERSIGHT? IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. YOU HAVE NO
13 OVERSIGHT, YOU DON'T MAKE APPOINTMENTS. YOU HAVE NO COUNTY
14 COUNSEL. SO IT'S A TRAIN WRECK. SON OF A GUN. MUST BE THAT
15 FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AGAIN. I'M SORRY. I GOT OFF THE SUBJECT.
16 DARN.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IF YOU KNEW THE LAW, YOU WOULD KNOW
19 THE COLISEUM COMMISSION WAS CREATED BY THE STATE OF
20 CALIFORNIA, AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA MADE THE APPOINTMENTS,
21 WHICH WOULD INCLUDE THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, THE STATE OF
22 CALIFORNIA, AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. MR. ANDREWS? I
23 THINK THE AMENDMENT CORRECTS THE ISSUE YOU WERE GOING TO
24 RAISE.

25

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1 **DONALD ANDREWS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, DONALD ANDREWS. I HAVE TWO
2 MINUTES, CORRECT?

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SURE.

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6 **DONALD ANDREWS:** MR. MAYOR, WOULD YOU PLEASE, I'M GOING TO
7 PROBABLY USE UP MY TWO MINUTES HAVING YOU EXPLAIN THE CHANGES
8 YOU MADE TO I DON'T KNOW WHICH DRAFT. SO WE'VE --

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE DRAFT IS -- STATES THAT THE
11 EFFECTIVE DATE IS 2016. IT WAS A TYPO. IT NEEDS TO BE MADE
12 2015.

13

14 **DONALD ANDREWS:** ARE YOU IN SECTION C?

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, C. RIGHT. AND WE MADE THAT
17 CORRECTION. AND THAT THE -- SO AT THE END OF AN ELECTED CHAIR
18 AND VICE CHAIR SHALL SERVE FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM COMMENCING
19 JANUARY 1 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31ST OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR. AND
20 THE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE
21 AMENDMENT IN THIS CODIFIED SECTION MAY NOT BE REELECTED.

22

23 **DONALD ANDREWS:** EXCUSE ME. BUT AS MY TWO MINUTES IS GOING BY,
24 I HAVE A LITTLE HEARING DIFFICULTY. AND I CAN'T UNDERSTAND
25 WHAT YOU'RE SAYING. SO TO USE UP THE REST OF MY TWO MINUTES IN

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1 B, IT SAYS THE TERM OF THREE YEARS AND I BELIEVE THEY WERE
2 APPOINTED FOR FOUR YEARS. AND ALL I NEED TO KNOW, SINCE I'M
3 HAVING TROUBLE UNDERSTANDING YOU, IS ARE YOU INTEND TOGETHER
4 MAINTAIN THE EXCLUSION?

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES.

7

8 **DONALD ANDREWS:** YOU ARE? FOR BOTH OFFICERS?

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO.

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12 **DONALD ANDREWS:** FOR WHICH ONES?

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE CHAIR. WE'LL SHOW YOU.

15

16 **DONALD ANDREWS:** IN OTHER WORDS, THE CHAIRMAN IS EXCLUDED AND
17 THE VICE CHAIRMAN IS NOT EXCLUDED?

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES.

20

21 **DONALD ANDREWS:** IS THAT CORRECT?

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES.

24

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1 **DONALD ANDREWS:** OKAY. WELL, ALL I CAN DO IS REGISTER MY
2 OPPOSITION TO THAT.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU'RE THE ONE WHO WAS RECOMMENDING
5 THAT.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** NO. HE WAS RECOMMENDING THAT THE CHAIR AND VICE
8 CHAIR NOT BE EXCLUDED.

9

10 **DONALD ANDREWS:** I'M RECOMMENDING THAT YOU DELETE THE LANGUAGE
11 "MEMBERS SERVING AS OFFICERS OF THE COMMISSION ON THE
12 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDMENT CODIFIED IN THIS SECTION MAY
13 NOT BE RE-ELECTED AS OFFICERS IN THE FIRST ELECTION HELD UNDER
14 THIS SECTION." I THINK IT'S EXCLUSIONARY. I'VE BEEN SERVING ON
15 BOARDS FOR PROBABLY OVER 40 YEARS. I'VE NEVER SEEN IT
16 ANYWHERE. I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE PURPOSE FOR INCLUDING IT IN
17 THIS ORDINANCE. AND I'M TOTALLY AGAINST IT. AND I'D ALSO LIKE
18 TO KNOW WHAT THE SOURCE OF THIS PROVISION IS AND WHAT THE
19 MOTIVATION IS FOR INCLUDING THIS PROVISION IN THE ORDINANCE.
20 THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. ANY QUESTIONS?

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** I GUESS MY QUESTION IS FOR THE RECORD, IS THAT A
25 PERMANENT EXCLUSION?

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** OH, IT'S JUST EXCLUSION FOR THE FIRST ELECTION.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** RIGHT.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** SO, THE NEXT ELECTION, THE PERSON CAN RUN AGAIN?

9

10 **DONALD ANDREWS:** WELL, SUPERVISOR KNABE, IF IT WAS NOT JUST FOR
11 THE FIRST ELECTION BUT IT WAS AN ONGOING EXCLUSION, A POLICY,
12 IN OTHER WORDS, YOU WANT TO SEE A ROTATION, THINGS LIKE THIS,
13 MAYBE BASED ON SENIORITY OR WHATEVER, I COULD UNDERSTAND THAT.
14 BUT FOR THE FIRST ELECTION, I CAN'T UNDERSTAND THE EXCLUSION.
15 OR THE MOTIVATION. I DON'T KNOW. UNLESS SOMEBODY JUST WANTS TO
16 MAKE SURE THAT THE SITTING OFFICERS DON'T GET ELECTED. AND I
17 THINK THAT IS AN ISSUE.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK THAT'S THE MOTIVATION.

20

21 **DONALD ANDREWS:** NOT FOR AN ORDINANCE.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK THAT'S THE MOTIVATION. I THINK YOU'RE
24 RIGHT.

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

2

3 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** THE ORDINANCE AS
4 AMENDED WILL BE PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA FOR ADOPTION.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** APPROVED TODAY IT GOES ON FOR THE
7 AMENDMENT.

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9 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** JUST TO CLARIFY. THIS
10 AMENDED ORDINANCE IS FOR INTRODUCTION TODAY AND IT WILL BE
11 PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA FOR ADOPTION.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** APPROVED TODAY, AND THEN WE HAVE TO
14 VOTE ON IT NEXT WEEK. OKAY. DIANA RODRIGUEZ, NUMBER 11. DR.
15 CLAVREUL, NO. 20. CHRIS AZARTE, NO. 11. AUGUSTIN URGILES, NO.
16 11.

17

18 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
19 I WANT TO ACTUALLY SPEAK TO ITEM 20. GOOD AFTERNOON AGAIN, DR.
20 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I AM VERY OPPOSED TO THE PAY SCALE FOR THE
21 NEW COUNTY COUNSEL. AND FOR ONE REASON: THE LAST I HAVE BEEN
22 ASKING SINCE AUGUST TO GET SOME DOCUMENTATION ON WHAT'S GOING
23 ON IN THE COUNTY. AND THE LACK OF RESPONSE TO THE COUNTY
24 COUNSEL IS OF GREAT CONCERN TO ME. AND THE SIMILAR I HAD ASKED
25 TO BE ABLE TO GO TO SEE THE DOCUMENT, ESPECIALLY ON TUESDAY

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1 WHEN I AM ALREADY HERE DOWNTOWN BECAUSE IT CAUSE ME A LOT OF
2 STRESS TO DO THAT TRAVELING. AND IT COULD NOT BE ARRANGED
3 AGAIN. AND TO TAKE MONTHS TO REPLY TO REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION
4 IS PRETTY SAD. AND ALSO TO BE TOLD THAT ONLY ONE PHYSICIAN WAS
5 ORDERED, WAS HIRED FROM THE BAY AREA WHEN I KNOW PHYSICALLY I
6 KNOW THREE OR FOUR WHO HAVE BEEN. THAT'S TAKING PEOPLE FOR
7 BEING STUPID. AND I THINK, YOU KNOW, I HAVE SEEN A LOT OF
8 VIOLATIONS OF THE BROWN ACT RIGHT AND LEFT IN THE LAST FEW
9 MONTHS. AND IT'S NOT BECAUSE I DON'T YELL AND CUSS AND BE
10 NASTY THAT I AM NOT CONCERNED. ACTUALLY, THE CONTRARY. I AM
11 VERY, VERY CONCERNED. I HAVE SEEN A LOT OF THE LIBERTY, THE
12 FREEDOM BEING REMOVED FROM THE PUBLIC. EVERY DAY, EVERY
13 TUESDAY MORNING NOW, WE ARE READ MANY SENTENCES TOTALLY
14 REMOVED FROM US, THE RIGHT OF THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTION. ALSO
15 FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHT. AND THAT'S REALLY, REALLY UPSETS ME.
16 SPECIFICALLY, IT'S NOT EVEN AGENDIZED, SO WE CANNOT SPEAK TO
17 IT. BUT TODAY I'M GOING TO TAKE THAT PRIVILEGE AND SPEAK TO
18 IT, BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S YOUR FUNCTION AT THE COUNTY
19 COUNSEL, TO MAKE SOME OF THE RULES ARE PROTECTED. I KNOW YOUR
20 FUNCTION IS TO PROTECT THE SUPERVISORS. THAT'S YOUR MAIN
21 FUNCTION. I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THAT. BUT WHEN YOU ALLOW
22 EVERY TUESDAY TO BE READ TO THE PUBLIC HOW WE SHALL BEHAVE,
23 YOU ARE NOT PROTECTING THE SUPERVISORS, BECAUSE THAT'S A
24 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT YOU CANNOT TAKE AWAY FROM THE PUBLIC OR
25 OUR FIRST AMENDMENT. THAT'S WHAT I HAVE TO SAY. THANK YOU.

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1

2 **DIANA RODRIGUEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR
3 TIME, MAYOR ANTONOVICH, SUPERVISORS, AND THANK YOU, CHAIR PRO
4 TEM SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR BRINGING THIS MATTER TO
5 TODAY'S AGENDA. MY NAME IS DIANA RODRIGUEZ AND I AM HERE ON
6 BEHALF OF YOUTH POLICY INSTITUTE THAT REPRESENTS 100,000
7 FAMILIES PER YEAR. AS DIRECTOR OF DIGITAL LEARNING AND
8 TECHNOLOGY WITH THE YOUTH POLICY INSTITUTE, I MANAGE THE
9 AGENCY'S TECHNOLOGY-RELATED DIGITAL INCLUSION PROJECTS. AND
10 I'M HERE TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THE INTERNET FOR ALL NOW CAMPAIGN
11 BECAUSE OF THE INCLUSION OF BROADBAND INTO THE LIFELINE
12 PROGRAM, WHICH WILL ENABLE LOW INCOME RESIDENTS, GIVE THEM THE
13 BENEFITS OF INTERNET ACCESS. OUR CONSTITUENTS, WHICH INCLUDE
14 FAMILIES WITH SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN, SENIORS AND DISABLED
15 RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY OFTEN SHARE WITH US A DESIRE TO ADOPT
16 INTERNET AT HOME BUT ARE UNABLE TO AFFORD MARKET RATES AND AS
17 A RESULT OF THIS ARE NOT ABLE TO PERFORM BASIC FUNCTIONS SUCH
18 AS CONDUCTING RESEARCH FOR REPORTS, APPLYING FOR A JOB,
19 ORDERING TACO BELL ONLINE OR SAVING THE TIME AND MONEY BY
20 PAYING BILLS ONLINE. I ASK FOR YOUR YES VOTE ON THIS MATTER
21 AND IMPLORE THE F.C.C. TO EMPOWER MILLIONS OF LOW INCOME
22 FAMILIES ACROSS THE COUNTY WITH AFFORDABLE BROADBAND ACCESS.
23 IN CLOSING, I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE C.E.T.F. POLICY
24 RECOMMENDATIONS DEFINED IN THE INTERNET FOR ALL NOW CAMPAIGN

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1 TO THEREFORE EMPOWER LOW INCOME ELDERLY AND DISABLED RESIDENTS
2 IN L.A. COUNTY AND ACROSS THE U.S. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP ARNOLD
5 SACHS FOR 1-P, 12, 15, 20 AND 23. YES, SIR.

6

7 **AUGUSTIN URGILES:** GOOD AFTERNOON. AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME,
8 MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND SUPERVISORS. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
9 BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. MY NAME IS AUGUSTIN URGILES. I'M
10 WITH THE CALIFORNIA EMERGING TECHNOLOGY FUND, C.E.T.F., A
11 NONPROFIT FOUNDATION THAT WAS ESTABLISHED WITH THE MISSION OF
12 CLOSING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE ACROSS CALIFORNIA. UNFORTUNATELY,
13 THE DIGITAL DIVIDE IMPACTS PRIMARILY LOW INCOME FAMILIES,
14 SENIORS AND DISABLED FAMILIES WHO NOWADAYS FIND THEMSELVES AT
15 A GREAT DISADVANTAGE BY NOT HAVING ACCESS TO HIGH SPEED
16 INTERNET AT HOME. THEY ARE UNABLE TO SEARCH FOR RESOURCES,
17 REGISTER FOR BASIC SERVICES, FIND EMPLOYMENT, AND/OR COMPLETE
18 HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS, WHICH NOW MORE THAN EVER REQUIRE ACCESS
19 TO INTERNET AND ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY AT HOME. THE LATEST
20 RESEARCH CONDUCTED BY THE FIELD POLL FINDS THAT MORE THAN 1
21 MILLION RESIDENTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY LACK THIS IMPORTANT
22 ACCESS. SO THEY ARE DEFINITELY AT A DISADVANTAGE. THIS IS WHY
23 MY ORGANIZATION, C.E.T.F., IS LEADING THE INTERNET FOR ALL NOW
24 CAMPAIGN SO THAT CIVIC LEADERS, NONPROFITS AND RESIDENTS
25 ACROSS CALIFORNIA CAN CONVEY TO THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS

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1 COMMISSION THAT THE CURRENT MODIFICATIONS TO THE LIFELINE
2 PROGRAM MUST INCLUDE A SUBSIDY FOR HIGH SPEED INTERNET,
3 FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS -- IN ADDITION TO THAT, INCLUDE FUNDING
4 FOR SCHOOLS, NONPROFITS AND LIBRARIES AND TRUSTED MESSENGERS
5 TO TRAIN PEOPLE ON HOW TO REGISTER FOR LOW COST INTERNET AND
6 ON DIGITAL LITERACY AND ESTABLISH A SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTABILITY
7 TO ENSURE THAT PEOPLE ACTUALLY REGISTER FOR INTERNET SERVICE.
8 I COMMEND YOU FOR THIS ACTION AND WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT BY
9 SUPPORTING THIS MOTION, YOU WILL BE JOINING THE CITY OF LOS
10 ANGELES, MAYOR GARCETTI, STATE LEGISLATORS, AND OTHER CITY
11 LEADERS IN THE REGION THAT UNDERSTAND HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR
12 THE PROSPERITY OF THE CITY, COUNTY, AND REALLY ALL OF
13 CALIFORNIA FOR OUR LOWEST AND MOST VULNERABLE CITIZENS TO BE
14 CONNECTED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. ERIC PREVEN, 1-P, 12,
17 18, 20, 21, 22, 23. YES, SIR.

18

19 **CHRIS ARZOTTI:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR ANTONOVICH, SUPERVISORS.
20 MY NAME IS CHRIS ARZOTTI. I COME TO YOU TODAY AS A PARTNER IN
21 THE INTERNET FOR ALL NOW CAMPAIGN. I WANT TO SPECIFICALLY
22 THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR BRINGING THIS
23 MOTION TO TODAY'S AGENDA. YOU, BY PASSING THIS MOTION, AND I
24 URGE YOU TO, ALTHOUGH YOU HAVE NOT YET DONE THAT, JOIN OVER 50
25 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE, MANY OF WHICH

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1 ARE WITHIN THE L.A. COUNTY BOUNDARIES, INCLUDING THE SOUTHEAST
2 COMMUNITY CORPORATION, LONG BEACH Y.M.C.A., YOUTH POLICY
3 INSTITUTE, MANY OTHERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE. MY COLLEAGUE
4 AUGUSTIN URGILES MENTIONED THERE ARE STATE LEADERS. THOSE ALSO
5 INCLUDE SENATOR PRO TEM KEVIN DE LEON, SPEAKER ELECT ANTHONY
6 RENDON, 20 OTHER STATE LEGISLATORS, LOCALLY, L.A. UNIFIED
7 SCHOOL DISTRICT, WE HAVE ENDORSEMENTS, ALSO FROM BOARD MEMBER
8 RICK RODRIGUEZ, MONICA GARCIA, AND GEORGE MCKENNA. AND SO AS A
9 PRACTITIONER WHO OVER THE LAST 15 YEARS HAS ADMINISTERED
10 TECHNOLOGY-BASED PROGRAMS AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEVEL AND
11 NONPROFITS THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY BUT ALSO THROUGHOUT THE
12 STATE AND URBAN AND RURAL LOCATIONS, I'VE SEEN THE
13 TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF THE INTERNET IN LOW INCOME FAMILIES,
14 WHETHER THEY BE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES, WHETHER THEY BE ELDERLY
15 OR DISABLED COMMUNITIES. THE INTERNET SHOULD BE CONSIDERED A
16 UTILITY, JUST AS WATER AND ELECTRICITY AND/OR GAS, TO ENABLE
17 FOLKS THE POWER TO BE ABLE TO ENGAGE THEIR LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
18 THEIR FAMILY, THEIR FRIENDS, LOCAL BUSINESSES SO THAT THEY CAN
19 REACH THEIR TRUE POTENTIAL AND ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN
20 THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES. SO TODAY I JUST URGE YOU TO
21 SUPPORT THIS PARTICULAR MOTION AND WANT TO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR
22 YOUR TIME. AND I THINK BE THE FIRST TO WISH EVERYONE HERE A
23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

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1
2 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
3 AND I DID HOLD SEVERAL ITEMS. I HELD 1-P AND NO. 12. NEVER DID
4 GET THAT INVENTORY OF THE PARKS PROJECTS THAT YOU TALKED ABOUT
5 WITH THE LOSS OF THE FUNDING FOR WHAT WAS IT? 1996 SAFE PARKS
6 PROPOSITION THAT WAS DEFEATED? YOU WERE GOING TO COME UP WITH
7 A LIST OF INVENTORY OR PROJECTS BECAUSE YOUR FUNDING IS IN
8 DANGER. WHERE'S THAT LIST AT? DON'T KNOW. I HELD ITEM 15. I
9 MENTIONED THIS EARLIER. IT SAYS HERE IN THE ITEM -- WELL,
10 THERE'S A COUPLE THINGS. IMMATERIAL AMENDMENTS. WHAT ARE
11 IMMATERIAL AMENDMENTS? WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
12 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY. THERE'S AN IMMATERIAL
13 AUTHORITY. BUT IT SAYS TO COLLECT APPLICABLE FEES AND APPLY
14 REVENUES TO DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS. WOULDN'T YOU COLLECT THE
15 FEES AND APPLY THEM BACK TO METRO? AND WHAT ARE THE TRANSIT
16 OPERATORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY WHO GOT TOGETHER AND, I MEAN,
17 MADE T.A.P. CARDS USABLE THROUGH ALL THESE TRANSIT OPERATORS?
18 IT'S NOT A METRO ORGANIZATION; IT'S THE TRANSIT OPERATORS,
19 WHICH OPERATE INDEPENDENTLY OF METRO? HOW CAN YOU HAVE TWO
20 DIFFERENT OPERATIONS INVOLVED IN METRO? AND BY THE WAY, HAVE
21 YOU BEEN ON A METRO BUS LATELY? I THINK I'VE BEEN ON 20 BUSES
22 IN THE LAST MONTH AND A HALF. 18 OF THEM THE T.A.P. CARD'S NOT
23 WORKING. NOT COLLECTING ANY FARES. IS THAT WHAT YOU MEAN BY
24 COLLECTING 30 PERCENT OF THE REVENUE AT THE TRANSIT, JUST GO
25 FOR FREE? DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. YOU READ THAT, REMEMBER I

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1 BROUGHT UP THAT ARTICLE ABOUT YVONNE BRATHWAITE BURKE WROTE
2 ABOUT THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND HOW THEY'RE BOTH THE
3 EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCH? SO I'M WONDERING WITH THE
4 APPOINTMENT OF A NEW COUNTY COUNSEL, WOULD THAT INCLUDE AN
5 AQUARIUM FOR JELLYISH? BECAUSE THEY NEVER SAY ANYTHING. THEY
6 NEVER SUPPORT THE PUBLIC. AND I DON'T WANT TO SAY, WELL, I
7 WILL. BUT VICTIMIZED? I HAD TO HAVE THE PROPER PAPER? AND THE
8 COUNTY COUNSEL JUST KEPT QUIET ABOUT THAT? THAT WAS SO OVER
9 THE TOP. MISSION STATEMENT FROM THE COUNTY? REALLY MAKING
10 MOVEMENT NOW. BACK TO THE LIBRARY. YOU KNOW, WE HEARD MENTION
11 ABOUT THE ONE-STOP VETS' HIRING AT PATRIOTIC HALL. WHY DON'T
12 YOU DO THE SAME THING WITH THE COUNTY LIBRARIES? WHY DON'T YOU
13 TURN THEM INTO ONE STOP VETERAN HIRING CENTERS, ALSO? IF YOU
14 CAN DO SOMETHING WITH METRO, WHICH IS A LOST CAUSE -- BY THE
15 WAY, DID YOU READ THE STORE BUY THE DOWNTOWN CONNECTOR? THE
16 COST IS GOING UP. THE STATION IS \$900 MILLION. THE COST OF THE
17 DOWNTOWN CONNECTOR IS GOING UP. THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE
18 CONNECTION OF THE BLUE LINE 30 YEARS AGO BUT MAYOR BRADLEY
19 WANTED THE SUBWAY AND THE LIGHT RAIL TO GO TO UNION STATION.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. PREVEN.

22

23 **ERIC PREVEN:** ERIC PREVEN, RESIDENT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT. AND
24 LONG MEETING. ITEM 22 TODAY IS THE REQUEST TO EXAMINE AND
25 EXTEND OUR MASTER AGREEMENTS WITH FOUR TREE HANDLERS. THEY

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1 HELP WITH VARIOUS MAINTENANCE AND REMOVAL SERVICE. GOLDEN WEST
2 ARBOR SERVICES INC., INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION,
3 MARIPOSA LANDSCAPES INC., AND TRUE GREEN LAND CARE LLC. IT
4 DOES NOT SAY THAT IN THE ITEM. SO I THINK IN GENERAL AS A
5 MATTER OF COURSE WE SHOULD POST THAT IN THE ITEM ITSELF. YOU
6 CAN SQUIRREL IN AND FIGURE THAT OUT. BUT I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE
7 APPROPRIATE SINCE WE'RE INCREASING THE AGREEMENT FROM \$985,000
8 TO OVER \$2, \$2.2, \$4, \$5 MILLION DOLLARS, WE SHOULD KNOW HOW
9 MUCH WE'VE DEPLOYED TO THOSE FOUR GROUPS PRIOR OVER THE LAST
10 TERM, THE LAST COUPLE TERMS, JUST SO WE HAVE A SENSE THAT
11 THAT'S KOSHER. ITEM NO. 23 IS ABOUT DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY.
12 WE'VE HEARD VERY LITTLE ABOUT THAT TODAY. SOMETIMES WE HEAR A
13 LOT ABOUT IT. ONE THING THAT CAME UP IN THE MEDIA WAS ON
14 K.N.X. I HEARD A REPORT ABOUT FOLKS THAT ARE CONCERNED ABOUT
15 LATE-NIGHT RELEASES FROM COUNTY JAIL. AND SHERIFF MCDONNELL'S
16 RESPONSE WAS LESS THAN FULLY SATISFACTORY, AND I WOULD ASK THE
17 BOARD TO BRING HIM DOWN NEXT WEEK, OR WHENEVER WE'RE BACK IF
18 WE'RE AWAY, TO ADDRESS THAT, BECAUSE IT IS A VERY SERIOUS
19 CONCERN. OBVIOUSLY PEOPLE BEING LET OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE
20 NIGHT IS A DEVASTATING POSSIBILITY. BAD THINGS HAPPEN. ITEM 20
21 IS THE GREAT WICKHAM. SADLY, I AM GOING TO RECOMMEND THAT SHE
22 BE PROMOTED LIKE SALADINO AND MR. WEISS AND THE OTHERS,
23 BECAUSE THIS IS A GROUP THAT HAS BEEN PRESIDING OVER NOT THAT
24 SATISFYING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PUBLIC, SPECIFICALLY THE
25 H.B.R. CONSULTING REPORT CAME FORWARD. THEY HAVE REFUSED TO

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1 SHARE IT. THIS IS HOW IS COUNTY COUNSEL DOING? THEN WE HAVE
2 MYERS NAVE, WHICH IS A BIG LAW FIRM THAT WORKS AT THE CITY,
3 NOW WORKING AT THE COUNTY. I SAID, CAN WE SEE WHAT THEY'RE
4 DOING AT THE COUNTY? NOW WE'RE TOLD IT'S EXEMPT FROM
5 DISCLOSURE? I MEAN, THAT'S RIDICULOUS. THEY SAID IT WAS A
6 CONFLICT AT THE CITY, SO YOU HAVE TO DISCLOSE THOSE. TELL MR.
7 KIM UPSTAIRS, MS. WICKHAM, TO FIX THAT ONE. SO THEY'VE
8 CONSISTENTLY WITHHELD INFORMATION THAT'S RELEVANT, LIKE
9 DROOYAN'S SALARY HE WAS PRO BONO THEN AFTERWARDS AND THE JOB
10 ORDER CONTRACT AGREEMENTS THAT MR. JONES WOULD BE A GOOD GUY
11 TO HELP OUT WITH IF SACHI HAMAI WOULD ASK HIM TO DO SO SO WE
12 COULD HAVE A SENSE OF HOW THOSE ALL WORK. ITEM 12, SUPERVISOR
13 SOLIS, APPRECIATE THE BALL FIELD. \$160,000 FROM THE
14 DISCRETIONARY FUND TO MATCH WITH SOME DODGER MONEY TO PUT UP A
15 FIELD. I LOVE IT. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE ACTUALLY COMING
16 UP WITH REAL DOLLARS AS OPPOSED TO JUST TAKING OVER AND
17 SPENDING YOUR DOLLARS. THAT'S AN IMPORTANT DETAIL THAT
18 SOMETIMES GETS OVERLOOKED. AND 9 IS JOHN HISSERICH, THAT
19 SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S BRINGING IN A GUY FROM KREKORIAN'S TEAM TO
20 BE ON THE EMERGENCY HEALTH COMMISSION. HE'S ALSO ON THE CITY'S
21 HEALTH COMMISSION. THIS IS A USUAL CUSTOMER. THOUGH I THINK
22 HE'S A COMPETENT GUY, HE'S VERY BLUE, LAW ENFORCEMENT,
23 FRIENDLY KIND OF A GUY, SO HE'LL BE MAKING THOSE KINDS OF
24 DECISIONS. I HOPE THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT AND EXPECT IN THAT VERY
25 IMPORTANT LINE WHERE PEOPLE ARE BEING INTERVIEWED ABOUT THEIR

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1 HOMELESSNESS AND WHETHER THEY SHOULD BE CRIMINALIZED OR NOT.

2 THIS IS A GUY THAT COMES FROM THAT TRADITION OF, YOU KNOW,

3 THAT HE CAN DEFINE. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, YOU'RE WONDERFUL.

6

7 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** ITEMS 1-P, NO. 11,

8 12, 15, 18, 20, 22 AND 23 ARE BEFORE YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KUEHL. SECONDED WITHOUT

11 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU'RE FIRST FOR YOUR

12 SPECIALS AND ADJOURNMENTS.

13

14 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I WOULD MOVE THAT

15 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LONGTIME

16 TEACHER LUCILLE RADER. SHE DIED AT THE AGE OF 92. AFTER SHE

17 GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL, SHE JOINED THE SISTERS OF THE

18 IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, A CALIFORNIA-BASED RELIGIOUS

19 COMMUNITY FOCUSED ON EDUCATION, AND BEGAN TEACHING IN THE LOS

20 ANGELES DIOCESE ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOLS. WHEN HER

21 RELIGIOUS ORDER DISBANDED AFTER DISAGREEMENTS WITH THE LOCAL

22 AND WORLDWIDE CHURCH HIERARCHY IN 1970, SHE BEGAN TO TEACH IN

23 THE LOS ANGELES PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS. AND

24 EVEN AFTER HER RETIREMENT IN 1998, SHE REMAINED IN TOUCH WITH

25 MANY OF HER STUDENTS WHOSE LIVES SHE HAD TOUCHED. HER

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1 DEDICATION TO QUALITY EDUCATION, PARTICULARLY OF YOUNG WOMEN,
2 AND HER INTEREST IN TEAM SPORTS, LED HER TO FOUND THE LUCILLE
3 RADER EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION IN 2000, WHICH PROVIDES COLLEGE
4 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YOUNG CATHOLIC WOMEN WHO PARTICIPATED IN TEAM
5 SPORTS IN HIGH SCHOOL. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE
6 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ALBERT AARONS, JAZZ TRUMPET PLAYER WHO
7 DIED PEACEFULLY ON THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 17TH. HE WAS A
8 FEATURED SOLOIST ON RECORDINGS BY ARTISTS LIKE FRANK SINATRA,
9 COUNT BASIE, AND ELLA FITZGERALD. HE BEGAN HIS PROFESSIONAL
10 CAREER WORKING WITH NOTABLE POP ARTISTS, SUCH AS JOHNNIE RAY,
11 LAVERNE BAKER, JACKIE WILSON, JOHNNY MATHIS, AS WELL AS JAZZ
12 SINGER BILLIE HOLIDAY, YUSEF LATEEF, AND PIANIST BARRY HARRIS.
13 HE WAS A REAL RESPECTED STUDIO MUSICIAN, DEVELOPED A CLOSE
14 ASSOCIATION WITH HENRY MANCINI, WITH WHOM HE WORKED FOR 17
15 YEARS. IN 1983, HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN FOUNDING THE LOS
16 ANGELES JAZZ SOCIETY. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS LOVING WIFE, JANICE
17 LEWIS-AARONS. HE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS PARENTS MANTHER
18 AND TEMPIE AARONS, HIS BROTHERS ERNEST AARONS, ROBERT AARONS,
19 AND HIS DAUGHTER DIANE, WHO DIED ON THE SAME DATE 38 YEARS
20 AGO. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER KELLIE ALLEN AND SON ASA
21 AARON. THANK YOU.

22
23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
24 SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** YES. FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD ASK THAT ALL MEMBERS
2 JOIN IN THIS, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF OFFICER RICKY
3 GALVEZ, THE DOWNEY POLICE OFFICER WHO WAS TRAGICALLY MURDERED
4 THIS PAST WEDNESDAY AT THE VERY YOUNG AGE OF 29. RICKY WAS A
5 UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS VETERAN, FIVE-YEAR VETERAN OF THE
6 DOWNEY POLICE DEPARTMENT. HE WAS JUST AN ABSOLUTELY
7 OUTSTANDING YOUNG MAN AND KNEW FROM AN EARLY AGE THAT HIS
8 CALLING IN LIFE WAS PUBLIC SERVICE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND
9 WORKED SEVERAL YEARS AS A POLICE AIDE PRIOR TO BECOMING A
10 POLICE OFFICER. THE DOWNEY POLICE CHIEF CARL CHARLES DESCRIBED
11 RICKY AS "A TREMENDOUS YOUNG MAN WHO LOVED SERVING THE
12 RESIDENTS OF DOWNEY," AND ONE OF HIS SUPPORTERS SAID, "IF YOU
13 COULD MOLD A POLICE OFFICER, YOU WOULD MOLD THAT POLICE
14 OFFICER AFTER RICKY." WORDS TRULY CANNOT EXPRESS THE LOVE AND
15 RESPECT THAT THEY HAVE FOR HIM. HE WAS TRAINING TO BECOME PART
16 OF THE K-9 UNIT WITH THE DOWNEY POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ALSO
17 VOLUNTEERED THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY WITH VARIOUS LOCAL
18 SERVICE CLUBS AND WAS SOMEONE THAT YOU WOULD WANT ALL ASPIRING
19 POLICE OFFICERS TO BE. RICKY SERVED OUR COUNTRY HONORABLY AS A
20 MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS AND WAS DEPLOYED
21 TWICE DURING OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, SERVING IN BOTH IRAQ
22 AND AFGHANISTAN. FELLOW MARINES DESCRIBED HIM AS A PERSON WHO
23 WAS FULL OF JOY AND WAS ALWAYS THE LEADER OF A UNIT. HE WAS
24 VERY PROUD OF HIS SERVICE AS A MARINE AND DOING WHAT HE COULD
25 DO TO SERVE OUR NATION. OFFICER GALVEZ WAS A PROUD GRADUATE OF

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1 SOUTH GATE HIGH SCHOOL AND A RESIDENT OF THE CITY HE LOVED AND
2 GREW UP IN. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS MOTHER, A BROTHER WHO IS A
3 JAILER AT THE DOWNEY POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND TWO YOUNGER
4 SISTERS. RICKY WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS,
5 AND ALL THAT KNEW HIM. THERE WILL BE A ROSARY AND VIEWING ON
6 SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29TH AT THE CIVIC THEATER IN DOWNEY AT 5:30
7 AND FUNERAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD ACROSS THE STREET HERE ON
8 MONDAY THE 30TH AT OUR CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY. GRAVESIDE
9 SERVICE WITH FULL POLICE AND VETERAN HONORS AT ROSE HILLS
10 MEMORIAL PARK IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING. A MEMORIAL FUND HAS BEEN
11 SET UP FOR OFFICER GALVEZ. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS
12 FUND, CONTACT THE DOWNEY POLICE OFFICER ASSOCIATION AT 562-
13 904-2308 OR MY OFFICE AT 213-974-4444. ALSO JOINING ME IS
14 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IN THIS ONE. AND THIS IS ADJOURNING IN
15 MEMORY OF RICHARD "DICK" WEBER, WHO IS THE UNCLE OF ONE OF MY
16 STAFF MEMBERS, JULIE MOORE. RICHARD "DICK" WEBER PASSED AWAY
17 PEACEFULLY ON NOVEMBER 18TH IN UTAH, WHERE HE HAD RETIRED
18 AFTER TEACHING GENERATIONS OF STUDENTS IN THE GLENDALE UNIFIED
19 SCHOOL DISTRICT. DICK WAS A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF MONTROSE AND
20 WAS A DEDICATED PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER AND COACHED FOR
21 MANY YEARS AT THE ROSEMONT MIDDLE SCHOOL IN LA CRESCENTA. HE
22 WAS A VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY, SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE
23 JOANN AND, CHILDREN NANCY, DEBBIE AND SCOTT, 6 LOVING
24 GRANDCHILDREN AND COUNTLESS EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS AND
25 FRIENDS. DICK WILL TRULY BE MISSED BY FAMILY, FRIENDS AND ALL

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1 WHO KNEW HIM. AND FINALLY, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
2 CAROLYN BIXBY, A LONG- TIME RESIDENT OF LONG BEACH AND LONG
3 BEACH VOLUNTEER WHO PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY ON NOVEMBER 15TH.
4 SHE WAS BORN IN NEBRASKA, MOVED TO TORRANCE. SHE RECEIVED HER
5 BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN BIOCHEMISTRY AND A MASTER'S DEGREE IN
6 PUBLIC HEALTH AT UCLA. SHE WORKED WITH OUR COUNTY HEALTH
7 DEPARTMENT AND THEN THE SALK INSTITUTE OF BIOLOGICAL STUDIES
8 IN LA JOLLA. RECEIVED HER M.B.A. FROM UC IRVINE AND WORKED IN
9 FINANCE FOR COMPANIES IN LOS ANGELES AND LONG BEACH. SHE WAS
10 VERY ACTIVE IN MANY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING THE
11 HOWARD ASIAN ART COLLECTION OF ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF LONG
12 BEACH, THE JUNIOR LEAGUE, LONG BEACH DAY NURSERY, STEEL
13 MAGNOLIAS, AND THE LONG BEACH OPERA. SHE HAD MANY TALENTS AND
14 PASSIONS, ESPECIALLY FOR NURTURING CHILDREN. SHE IS SURVIVED
15 BY HER HUSBAND OF 48 YEARS, PATRICK, SONS, PATRICK AND BRIAN,
16 AND THEIR SPOUSES, TWO SIBLINGS AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN. SHE
17 WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS, AND THOSE ARE
18 MY ADJOURNMENTS.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTIONS, SO ORDERED.
21 I'D LIKE TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MAL WHITFIELD, ONE OF THE
22 GREATEST ATHLETES IN OUR HISTORY. HE WAS AN OLYMPIC GOLD
23 MEDALIST, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91 ON NOVEMBER 19TH. HE
24 HAD SERVED IN THE ARMY AIR FORCES DURING WORLD WAR II AND THE
25 KOREAN WAR. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN, GRADUATE

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1 OF CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES. COMPLETED
2 SUCCESSFULLY IN THE 1948 AND THE 1952 OLYMPICS, BREAKING SIX
3 WORLD RECORDS FOR RUNNING. HE ALSO WON THREE OLYMPIC GOLD
4 MEDALS, ONE SILVER, ONE BRONZE. HE WAS THE FIRST AFRICAN-
5 AMERICAN RECIPIENT OF THE JAMES E. SULLIVAN AWARD, AND HE'S
6 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, NOLA, AND THEIR FIVE CHILDREN. I
7 REMEMBER AS A BOY AT THE COLISEUM WATCHING HIM RUN. MY
8 BROTHER, WHO WAS ALSO A TRACK ATHLETE IN SCHOOL, THIS WAS ONE
9 OF HIS ROLE MODELS. BUT MAL GRADUATED FROM JEFFERSON HIGH
10 SCHOOL IN LOS ANGELES AND WAS A GREAT ROLE MODEL. AND THERE'S
11 A WONDERFUL FILM THAT'S COMING OUT, I THINK IT'S AT
12 CHRISTMASTIME, THAT EVERYBODY CAN SEE HIS LIFE STORY. AND WHEN
13 HE COMPETED IN THE OLYMPICS, HE SHOWED HITLER THAT AMERICANS
14 OF ALL COLORS CAN WIN AND WIN MEDALS. HE WAS A GREAT ROLE
15 MODEL, AND I HAD OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO HIM A WHILE AGO. AND
16 HE SERVED AND HELPED OUR VETERANS AT WALTER REED HOSPITAL AND
17 HELPING THEM. AND THEN LUN CHAN PASSED AWAY ON NOVEMBER 8TH.
18 HE HAD SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY DURING WWII. CHAN WAS
19 A FRIEND. HE GRADUATED FROM L.A. TRADE TECH'S FRANK WIGGINS
20 SCHOOL OF BAKING AND SPENT HIS ENTIRE CAREER MAKING SWEETS FOR
21 THE SWEET AT PHOENIX BAKERY IN DOWNTOWN CHINATOWN. HE WON THE
22 GOLD CUP IN BAKING, WAS THE PRESIDENT AND THE MASTER BAKER,
23 RETAIL BAKERY ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND PHOENIX
24 BAKERY, AND HE'S THE ONE THAT CREATED THE CONCEPT, AND
25 SUCCESSULLY, WHICH WAS THE STRAWBERRY WHIPPED CREAM CAKE. AND

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1 MANY OF YOU HAVE HAD THAT. THAT WAS -- I WENT TO SCHOOL WITH
2 HIS NEPHEW AND NIECE, AND MY SISTER WENT ALL THE WAY FROM
3 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO UNIVERSITY WITH HIS NIECE. IT WAS A GREAT
4 FAMILY. HE WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE MASONIC LODGE. BUT A GREAT
5 FAMILY. AND HE PASSED AWAY. HE WAS 91 YEARS OLD. PAUL VICTOR
6 GUZMAN, JR., UNCLE OF MY SECRETARY DEBRA RODARTE, PASSED AWAY
7 AT THE AGE OF 70 ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH. HE WORKED AT THE
8 UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE FROM 1979 TO 2000. A DIRECT
9 DESCENDENT OF THE FOUR ORIGINAL FOUNDING FAMILIES OF EL PUEBLO
10 DE LOS ANGELES, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AND A
11 MEMBER OF THE GABRIELENO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, THE KISH
12 TRIBE. HE WAS A DIRECT DESCENDENT OF LOS ANGELES, EL PUEBLO DE
13 LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA DOCENT, HISTORIAN AT EL PUEBLO DE LOS
14 ANGELES AND CITY OF LOS ANGELES. HIS ASSIGNMENTS INCLUDED
15 PRESENTING THE HISTORY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, ITS FOUNDINGS AT
16 THE MISSION, SAN GABRIEL MISSION, THE HISTORY OF OLVERA
17 STREET, THE MISSION SAN GABRIEL ARCANGEL AND LOS ANGELES. HE
18 WAS PAST PRESIDENT OF THE LOS PALODERES 200, HISTORIAN OF THE
19 ASSOCIATION AND REENACTOR OF THE ASSOCIATION FROM 1981 TO
20 PRESENT. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS FOUR NIECES AND FOUR NEPHEWS. HE
21 HAD BEEN TO OUR BOARD MANY TIMES WHEN WE CELEBRATED THE
22 ANNIVERSARY EACH YEAR OF THE FOUNDING OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
23 WITH THE LOS ANGELES, FIRST CITY OF LOS ANGELES, AT THE
24 MISSION IN SAN GABRIEL, AND WE WOULD WALK FROM SAN GABRIEL
25 MISSION TO THE OLVERA STREET. AND I ENCOURAGE ALL OF YOU TO

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1 WALK NEXT YEAR DURING LABOR DAY. IT'S A 9-1/2 MILE WALK. AND
2 IT'S A GOOD EXERCISE. BUT HE WAS HERE WITH THE GABRIELENO
3 BRAND OF INDIANS FOR THE VARIOUS PRESENTATIONS. EDWARD SMITH,
4 HONORARY MEMBER OF THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES, PASSED AWAY AT THE
5 AGE OF 82. HE HAD A 40 YEAR CAREER WITH MERRILL LYNCH,
6 RETIRING AS VICE PRESIDENT. HE WAS AND ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE
7 PASADENA COMMUNITY AS PAST PRESIDENT, INCLUDING THE EAST
8 PASADENA ROTARY CLUB, UNIVERSITY CLUB OF PASADENA, AND THE
9 PASADENA JUNIOR CHAMBER. HE HAD BEEN OF A MEMBER OF THE
10 PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES FOR 38 YEARS, SURVIVED BY HIS
11 WIFE AND DAUGHTER. AND I WORKED WITH ED AT THE ROSE PARADE AS
12 A WHITE SUITER, AS WELL, MANY YEARS. RETIRED SERGEANT JAMES
13 WILLIAMS, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HIS LAST
14 ASSIGNMENT WAS THE SAN DIMAS STATION. JANICE "JAN" BRALY
15 NELSEN, MEMBER OF THE LONGTIME SANTA CLARITA VALLEY RESIDENT.
16 HER SON, HUNT BRALY, SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 83. SHE
17 OWNED AND OPERATED SEVERAL BUSINESSES IN HER 38-YEAR CAREER,
18 INCLUDING SERVISOFT AND NEWPORT BEACH AS WELL AS METER SERVICE
19 AND ROWE AUTOMATIC VENDORS IN SAN SAN DIEGO. ACTIVE IN THE
20 COMMUNITY, SERVING ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN DIEGO
21 BALLET SCHOOL AND THE RESIDENTS' COUNCIL BOARD IN BELMONT
22 VILLAGE. SHE'S SURVIVED BY THREE CHILDREN, AND HER SON HUNT
23 BRALY IS QUITE ACTIVE IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND THE SAN
24 FERNANDO VALLEY. GOOD FRIEND JOHN MALLOY, LONG- TIME RESIDENT
25 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 72. FOUNDER

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1 AND OWNER OF THE JOHN T. MALLOY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, WHICH
2 WAS THE ENGINEERING CONTRACTOR'S ASSOCIATION 2014 CONTRACTOR
3 OF THE YEAR, AND WHICH WAS FORMERLY MY FATHER'S COMPANY WHEN
4 UNDER A DIFFERENT NAME. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND FIVE
5 CHILDREN AND NINE GRANDCHILDREN. JOHN WAS ALSO THE ANNOUNCER
6 FOR LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL'S FOOTBALL TEAM. AND HIS FUNERAL WAS
7 THIS PAST SATURDAY WITH A LARGE SUPPORT FROM LOYOLA HIGH
8 SCHOOL AND THE BISHOP AND ALL OF THE PRIESTS THAT WERE QUITE
9 SUPPORTIVE OF LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL. AND A GOOD MAN. RANDY
10 LINTEMOOT, LIFELONG RESIDENT OF ANTELOPE VALLEY, PASSED AWAY
11 AT THE AGE OF 54. HE WAS A TEACHER AT ANTELOPE VALLEY HIGH
12 SCHOOL. HE COACHED FOR THE PALMDALE HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY
13 BASEBALL TEAM AND THE QUARTZ HILL LITTLE LEAGUE AND DEDICATED
14 MEMBER OF THE VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH. GLADYS BERNICE ALLEN,
15 MOTHER OF COVINA CITY COUNCILMAN AND QUALITY PRODUCTIVITY
16 COMMISSIONER, WALT ALLEN PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 82. SHE WAS
17 A MEMBER OF THE ST. BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC CHURCH IN OAKLAND.
18 SURVIVED BY HER THREE CHILDREN, WALTER, RODNEY AND DEBRA.
19 DAVID CHEN. THIS IS VERY TRAGIC. DAVID WAS AN INTERN IN MY
20 OFFICE AS A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT. HE WAS PERHAPS THE BRIGHTEST
21 MIND ON COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY. HE WAS A GRADUATE OF M.I.T.,
22 EXCUSE ME, OF PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, AND HE WAS TRAGICALLY, I
23 GUESS, KILLED IN GREECE AT THE AGE OF 32 YESTERDAY. AND IT'S
24 QUITE A SHOCK TO HIS PARENTS, HIS AUNTS, SOPHIE AND JUDY
25 KAUFFMAN. BUT THIS MAN WAS ONE OF THE SHARPEST, BRIGHTEST

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1 MINDS AS A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, SMARTER THAN THE INTERNS FROM
2 U.C.L.A., U.S.C., CAL STATE L.A., ALL THE UNIVERSITIES, JUST A
3 WONDERFUL YOUNG MAN, AND A TRAGIC LOSS AT THE AGE OF 32. AND
4 MARIA ACEVES, SHERIFF'S SERVICE STATION CLERK WITH THE COUNTY
5 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE -- ON NOVEMBER
6 14TH AND SHE HAD JOINED THE DEPARTMENT JUST BACK IN 2000. SHE
7 WAS ASSIGNED TO THE EAST LOS ANGELES STATION. SO, SECONDED BY
8 SUPERVISOR KUEHL WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED, AND SUPERVISOR
9 HILDA SOLIS.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
12 ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FRANK WADA, PASSED AWAY
13 DURING THE EARLY HOURS OF NOVEMBER THE 11TH, 2015 AT THE AGE
14 OF 62. FRANK WAS A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES AND WAS A
15 MEMBER OF THE CITY NEIGHBORHOOD OF LINCOLN HEIGHTS. BORN AND
16 RAISED IN L.A., HE ATTENDED LITTLE FLOWER CATHOLIC SCHOOL. HE
17 WENT ON TO GRADUATE FROM LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL, A MEMBER OF THE
18 GRADUATING CLASS OF 1973. HE FURTHER CONTINUED HIS EDUCATION
19 BY ATTENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE AS A
20 BUSINESS MAJOR. FRANK'S PURPOSE IN LIFE WAS GIVING BACK AND
21 WORKING TIRELESSLY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN HIS COMMUNITY. HE
22 WAS INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY POLICING, NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS,
23 SERVED ON VARIOUS LOS ANGELES CITY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS. HE
24 WAS THE FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE LINCOLN HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD
25 COUNCIL, HAVING SERVED CONTINUOUSLY SINCE ITS INCEPTION. HIS

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1 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES CONTINUED THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE, ENDED WITH
2 HIS SUDDEN PASSING. HE WAS A DEAR AND BELOVED FRIEND TO MANY
3 THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES, AND FRANK WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED.
4 SECONDLY, I ADD THAT I MOVE TODAY THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
5 MARY CANCHOLA. MRS. CANCHOLA SHE WAS BORN MARCH 5, 1935 IN
6 EAGLE PASS, TEXAS, PASSED AWAY ON NOVEMBER 11, 2015 AT THE AGE
7 OF 80. SHE RELOCATED TO LINCOLN HEIGHTS AS A CHILD, ATTENDED
8 SACRED HEART OF JESUS SCHOOL. 1960 SHE MOVED TO SOUTH EL
9 MONTE. IN THE 70'S SHE SETTLED IN PICO RIVERA. SHE WAS A
10 BUSINESS OWNER FOR OVER 20 YEARS, WHERE SHE OPERATED THE
11 WHITTIER NARROWS FEED STORE LOCATED IN NORTH WHITTIER. SHE WAS
12 A MEMBER OF THE PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH EL MONTE,
13 ENJOYED MAKING FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS, READING HISTORY BOOKS, AND
14 COOKING TRADITIONAL MEXICAN FOOD. SHE'LL BE REMEMBERED AS A
15 LOVING AND SUPPORTIVE MOTHER AND FRIEND. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER
16 TWO DAUGHTERS, EVELYN AND RACHEL, SON ALEX, TWO BROTHERS, ONE
17 SISTER, SIX GRANDCHILDREN, TWO GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN AND A HOST
18 OF EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS WHO WILL MISS HER DEARLY. THANK
19 YOU.

20
21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
22 LET ME ALSO ADD ADRIAN GUIDODI, WIFE OF FORMER LOS ANGELES
23 DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 65. SHE
24 WAS ALSO A GRADUATE OF THE SOUTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL, PRACTICED
25 LAW IN THE L.A. COUNTY WITH THE BALLARD ROSENBERG LAW FIRM.

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1 SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND DAVID AND SISTER SYLVANA..
2 SECOND BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
3 OKAY. PUBLIC COMMENT. PATRICIA MCALLISTER. CARMEN MEEOLLEY.
4 DANIEL CRUZ. JOSE MARTINEZ.

5

6 **PATRICIA MCALLISTER:** PATRICIA MCALLISTER HERE. THE VAST
7 HOMELESSNESS OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN
8 VETERANS IN CALIFORNIA IS THE SAME THROUGHOUT THE UNITED
9 STATES. THERE IS CLEARLY A WHITE SUPREMIST HOLOCAUST AGAINST
10 AFRICAN-AMERICANS, WHICH INCLUDES WHITE SUPREMIST RACIST RED-
11 NECK COPS KILLING INNOCENT BLACKS. I AM A SUPPORTER OF BLACK
12 LIVES MATTER. LAST NIGHT, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD, 2015, THREE
13 WHITE SUPREMISTS SHOT FIVE PEACEFUL BLACK LIVES MATTER
14 PROTESTORS. BLACKS MUST START SHOOTING THESE WHITE RACISTS
15 BACK. IF YOU DON'T HAVE WEAPONS AT THE TIME, CHASE THOSE WHITE
16 SUPREMISTS DOWN, CRACK THEIR SKULLS, CUT THEIR HEARTS OUT,
17 MAKING SURE YOU KILL THEM. THIS IS CALLED SELF-DEFENSE. TO
18 BLACK POLITICIANS WHO GET ELECTED BY BLACK VOTES AND DO
19 NOTHING TO HELP BLACKS, BLACKS WILL START DEALING WITH YOU TO
20 MAKE YOU TOO SCARED TO SELL OUT BLACKS. THIS IS YOUR WARNING.
21 BLACK LIVES DO MATTER. DONALD TRUMP FOR PRESIDENT. LET'S GET
22 THESE WETBACKS OUT OF THE UNITED STATES. ANOTHER THING, THESE
23 ILLEGAL ALIENS DON'T BELIEVE IN FOLLOWING ANY LAWS THAT WE
24 HAVE HERE IN THIS COUNTRY. AT BEVERLY AND FAIRFAX, 7900
25 BEVERLY, SHELL GAS STATION, THEY'RE SELLING ALCOHOL AND THEY

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1 DON'T HAVE A LIQUOR LICENSE. THE ALCOHOL IS SITTING RIGHT ON A
2 SHELF NEAR THE DOOR. TEENAGERS JUST WALK IN, STEAL THE
3 ALCOHOL, AND WALK OUT. I ASKED THE LADY YESTERDAY, THE
4 MANAGER. DO YOU HAVE A LIQUOR LICENSE? SHE SAID, WE DON'T NEED
5 A LIQUOR LICENSE. THIS IS HOW BOLD THESE ILLEGAL ALIENS ARE,
6 AND HOW THEY'RE TAKING OVER. AS I SAID EARLIER, I'M
7 DISAPPOINTED IN THIS BOARD. YOU HAVE BLACK PEOPLE, THOUSANDS
8 OF THEM, LAYING ON THE GROUND HOMELESS, STARVING, AND WE
9 BELIEVE THAT POLICE ARE KIDNAPPING THEM AND HARVESTING THEIR
10 ORGANS. WE'RE GOING TO DEAL WITH THIS.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SHERRY HERNANDEZ? SHELLY WARD, ERIC
13 PREVEN, MR. SACHS.

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15 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT IS ERIC PREVEN, A RESIDENT FROM THE THIRD
16 DISTRICT, DISTURBED BY SOME OF THOSE COMMENTS, FRANKLY. I WILL
17 SAY TODAY AS WE GO INTO THE, IN A MINUTE, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK
18 THAT STEVE ESTABROOK, WHO IS THE COST LITIGATION MANAGER WHO
19 SUPERVISOR MOLINA ALWAYS DILIGENTLY SAID PLEASE REPORT TO US
20 BY SEPTEMBER ON THE JUNE PERIOD ENDING, COME DOWNSTAIRS AND
21 MAKE THE REPORT, OKAY? IT'S NOW NOVEMBER. WE SHOULDN'T PUSH IT
22 INTO THE EARLY YEAR, BECAUSE IT BECOMES A LARGE SPREAD AND IT
23 FACILITATES NOTHING BUT THE LACK OF CLARITY. YOU COULD TALK
24 WITH HIM ABOUT THAT. I WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE IT. I'M SURE
25 HE'S FOLLOWING SOMEBODY'S LEAD. THERE'S A GROUP CALLED

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1 GEOFEEDIA.COM THAT I NOTICED GAVE \$60,000 WORTH OF LICENSES TO
2 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES L.A.P.D. AND I THOUGHT, INTERESTING.
3 WHAT IS THAT? AND I LOOKED AT IT AND THEN I ASKED TO SEE WHAT
4 IT WAS AND THEY SAID, WELL, YOU HAVE TO BE A PROPRIETARY
5 POTENTIAL CUSTOMER. AND I SAID, WELL, I'M NOT A CUSTOMER, I'M
6 A RESIDENT. AND THEY SAID, WELL, UNFORTUNATELY, WE CAN'T SHARE
7 OUR DEMO, WHICH IS VERY STRANGE. SO I WOULD ASK THAT SOMEBODY
8 ASK TO SEE IT, BECAUSE YOU ARE THE KIND OF GROUP THAT HAS THAT
9 KIND OF A BUDGET THAT CAN LOOK AT IT. WE MAY IN FACT BE IN
10 BUSINESS WITH THIS VERY GROUP. I'M NOT 100 PERCENT SURE ABOUT
11 THAT. AND AS WE ALL SCURRY AROUND FOR THE HOLIDAYS, I JUST
12 WANT TO MAKE A COMMENT ABOUT THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN
13 ABOUT TRAVELING AND HOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MIGHT CONDUCT
14 THEMSELVES IN THIS TERROR THREAT ENVIRONMENT. IT'S IMPORTANT
15 TO REMEMBER THAT 1 OUT OF 700,000 PEOPLE GETS HIT BY
16 LIGHTENING BUT 1 OUT OF 2 MILLION PEOPLE ENCOUNTERS ONE OF
17 THESE HORRIBLE NIGHTMARES. SO I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE
18 PUBLIC NOT BE -- BE VIGILANT, OF COURSE, AND SAY SOMETHING,
19 SEE SOMETHING OR SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING. BUT I DO THINK
20 IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD AS A COMMUNITY
21 AND TRY TO STAND UP TO THOSE INFLUENCES. SO THAT SAID, I'M
22 GRATEFUL FOR OUR MANY LIBERTIES AND I HOPE YOU ARE, TOO.
23 THANKS.

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25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, MA'AM.

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2 **SHERRY HERNANDEZ:** HELLO, MY NAME IS SHERRY HERNANDEZ AND I'M

3 HERE FOR, I WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM, IS A

4 LITTLE BOOKLET I GAVE YOU, AND HOMELESSNESS AS IT RELATES TO

5 FORECLOSURE. WE KNOW THAT FORECLOSURE HAS BEEN AN ISSUE FOR A

6 LONG TIME AND THERE'S A LOT OF PROGRAMS OUT THERE THAT ARE

7 SUPPOSED TO HELP. WHAT THE PROGRAMS CAN'T HELP IS THE ILLEGAL

8 DOCUMENTATION THAT IS GOING THROUGH OUR COUNTY RECORDER'S

9 OFFICE AND BEING ALLOWED TO USE IN THE COURTS TO FORECLOSE ON

10 INNOCENT PEOPLE. ON OCTOBER 25TH, I ATTENDED A MODIFICATION

11 WORKSHOP WITH OTHER HOMEOWNERS WHO ARE ANGRY. THEY WERE VERY

12 ANGRY. THEY WERE NOT ANGRY BECAUSE OF THE MODIFICATION

13 PROCESS; THEY WERE ANGRY THAT IN SPITE OF THE PROCESS, THEY

14 COULDN'T GET THEIR LOANS MODIFIED. MANY OF THE STUDIES ON

15 FORECLOSURE STATE THAT TOO MANY HOME OWNERS ARE NOT BENEFITING

16 FROM MODIFICATION. FOR MANY HOMEOWNERS, LOSING THEIR HOME

17 MODIFICATION HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE, BECAUSE OF THE FRAUD

18 THAT'S BEING HIDDEN THROUGH THE RECORDS. AT THE MEETING ON

19 OCTOBER 24TH, THERE WERE PEOPLE THERE TO HELP PEOPLE WITH THE

20 MODIFICATION, BUT THE HOMEOWNERS THAT CAME WERE ANGRY, BECAUSE

21 THEY HAD BEEN TRYING FOR SO LONG. THERE WAS AN ELDERLY MAN

22 WITH 13 FAMILY MEMBERS IN HIS HOUSEHOLD. HE WAS ABOUT TO LOSE

23 HIS HOME AFTER NUMEROUS ATTEMPTS AT MODIFICATION, LOST

24 PAPERWORK, AND UNRETURNED CALLS. HE HAD 13 MEMBERS IN HIS

25 FAMILY AND HE SAYS, "WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WITH MY FAMILY?"

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1 AND WHEN YOU'RE EVICTED FROM YOUR HOME BECAUSE OF A LOSS OF
2 YOUR HOME BECAUSE OF FRAUD, IT'S NOT LIKE YOU CAN JUST GO OUT
3 AND GET ANOTHER HOME. YOUR CREDIT HAS BEEN RUINED. AND YOU
4 HAVE TO PAY FOR STORAGE. YOU'RE NOT A DEADBEAT. YOU'VE GOT THE
5 MONEY, BUT THEY CUT OFF THE WAY FOR YOU TO PAY YOUR BILLS.
6 THEY'VE CUT IT OFF BY USING FRAUD IN THE DOCUMENTATION. THIS
7 ISN'T SOMETHING THAT WE'RE JUST INVENTING, BUT WE CAN'T GET
8 THE COURTS TO LISTEN TO US. WE CAN'T GET THE POLICE TO FOLLOW-
9 UP. WE'RE TOLD TO FILE A REPORT WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.
10 AND THEN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WON'T TAKE OUR REPORT. HE'LL
11 TELL US IT'S A CIVIL MATTER. AND THEN BY THE TIME IT GETS TO
12 COURT, YOU'VE GOT THIS FRAUDULENT DOCUMENT HERE AND THEY TAKE
13 IT AS THE TRUTH.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOUR TIME'S UP. IF YOU COULD GIVE THAT
16 REPORT TO OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICE, WE'LL HAVE THE COUNTY COUNSEL
17 REVIEW WITH SOME RECOMMENDATIONS FOR US.

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19 **SHERRY HERNANDEZ:** OKAY. WELL, I DID GIVE A COPY TO EVERYONE.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IS THAT THE COPY YOU GAVE THAT YOU'RE
22 READING FROM?

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24 **SHERRY HERNANDEZ:** YES.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I'LL GIVE HIM MINE AND I'LL JUST HAVE
2 THEM MAKE A COPY. DO YOU HAVE ONE?

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4 **SHERRY HERNANDEZ:** I GAVE EVERYBODY COPIES. I WAS EFFICIENT.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL REVIEW THAT.

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8 **SHERRY HERNANDEZ:** IS THERE SOMEONE I CAN CONTACT TO FOLLOW-UP?

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** CONTACT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE, BUT
11 WE'LL FOLLOW-UP ON IT. OKAY? THANK YOU. MR. SACHS?

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13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS.
14 AND AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, THERE IS THE HEADLINES. WEDNESDAY,
15 NOVEMBER 11TH. KIND OF FASCINATING. POLICE SHOOTINGS RAISE AN
16 ALARM. AND ON THE SIDE OF THE NEWSPAPER, THIS L.A.P.D., AND ON
17 THE OTHER SIDE, SHOOTING CASE PAYOUT IS APPROVED. SAME PAPER,
18 INSIDE SECTION. SO AND THEN NEXT, THE FOLLOWIN WEEK, PANEL
19 OKAYS \$31 MILLION BODY CAMERA CONTRACT. WHATEVER HAPPENED TO
20 THE BODY CAMERA CONTRACTS OR THE BODY CAMERA ITEM ON THE
21 AGENDA THAT WAS PULLED OFF, I KNOW WHAT HAPPENED. SUPERVISOR
22 MOLINA PULLED IT OFF ABOUT TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE CITY DECIDED
23 TO GET INTO DISCUSSIONS. SO WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO BRING IT
24 BACK? WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO HAVE A DISCUSSION? OH, AND I
25 REALLY LIKE THAT PART ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT WITHOUT A

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1 DISCUSSION? SO THE L.A. TIMES WRITER WRITES ABOUT SOMETHING
2 THAT WASN'T DISCUSSED BUT DOESN'T WRITE ABOUT THE STORY ABOUT
3 THE SETTLEMENT FOR YOUR POLICY INADEQUACY WHERE YOU COMMENT
4 ABOUT MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS MAKES A COMMENT ABOUT BEING THE
5 FISCAL STEWARDS FOR THE COUNTY. AND HERE'S THE STORY OF
6 SUPERVISOR KNABE TAKES A SWIPE AT SPENDING. SHOULD HAVE TAKEN
7 A SWIPE AT THAT \$8 MILLION SETTLEMENT, SUPERVISOR KNABE.
8 THAT'VE BEEN SOMETHING. AND THEN THIS LITTLE ARTICLE IN THE
9 SPORTS SECTION -- I'M KIND OF JUST GOING OVER HEADLINES. SITES
10 TO HIT L.A. 2024 BID. IF LOS ANGELES WINS FOR THE OLYMPICS, IT
11 COULD END UP COSTING MORE THAN \$6 BILLION. HOMELESS EMERGENCY?
12 CAN YOU SAY \$6 BILLION? HOW CAN BOSTON TURN IT DOWN? YOU SEE
13 THE SIGNS IN THE BACKGROUND, BETTER SCHOOL, BETTER ROADS,
14 BETTER POLICE, AND L.A., WE'RE ALL FOR IT. HOMELESS CAPITAL OF
15 AMERICA. POVERTY CAPITAL OF AMERICA. GO, TEAM, GO. GO, TEAM,
16 GO.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

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20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU'RE WELCOME. OH, THIS IS FOR YOU, THOUGH,
21 SIR.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. WE WILL GO INTO
24 EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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1 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH
2 BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD
3 OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM
4 NO. C.S.-1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING INITIATION
5 OF LITIGATION; ITEM NO. C.S.-2, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT INTERVIEW
6 AND CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE
7 POSITION OF COUNTY LIBRARIAN, ITEM NO. C.S.-3, PUBLIC
8 EMPLOYMENT, CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATE FOR APPOINTMENT TO
9 POSITION OF HEALTH AGENCY DIRECTOR. ITEM C.S.-4, DEPARTMENT
10 HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS, AND ITEM NO. C.S.-5, CONFERENCE
11 WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR SACHI HAMAI, AS POSTED ON THE POSTED
12 AGENDA.

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1 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION NOVEMBER 24, 2015**

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5 No reportable action was taken on items CS-1, CS-2, CS-4, CS-5
6 or CS-6.

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8 CS-3 PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (Government Code Section 54957)

9 Consideration of candidate(s) for appointment to the position
10 of Health Agency Director. (15-4962)

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12 The Board selected Dr. Mitch Katz for the position of the
13 Health Agency Director that will be returned to the Board for
14 final action on the appointment and instructed the Executive
15 Officer to negotiate a salary and execute an at-will
16 employment contract which is approved as to form by the County
17 Counsel subsequent to approval of an annual salary by the
18 Board of Supervisors.

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20 The vote of the Board was unanimous with all Supervisors being
21 present.

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1 I, JENNIFER A. HINES, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number
2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do
3 hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors November 24, 2015,
6 were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my
7 direction and supervision;

8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived
9 in the office of the reporter and which have been provided to
10 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by
11 me.

12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor
13 related to any party to the said action; nor
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 1st
16 day of December 2015, for the County records to be used only
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